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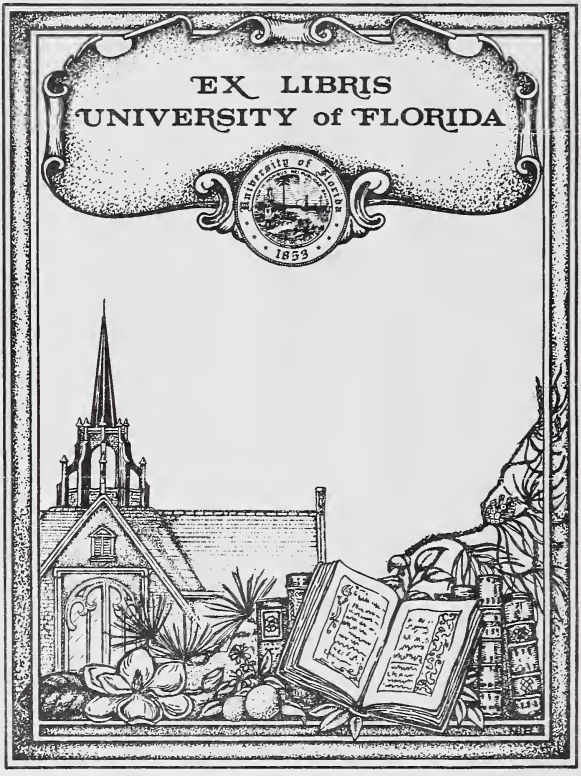
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Biography

John M. Ashbrook was born in Johnstown, Licking County, Ohio, September 21, 1928; graduated from Johnstown High School, 1946; served in the United States Navy, 1946–1948; member, Byrd Antarctic Expedition, 1946–1947; Harvard University, A.B., 1952, and Ohio State University Law School at Columbus, J.D., 1955; admitted to the bar in 1955 and commenced practice in Johnstown, Ohio; publisher of the Johnstown Independent, a weekly newspaper; served in the State house of representatives, 1957–1961; national chairman, Young Republican Clubs, 1957–1959; delegate, Republican National Conventions, 1964 and 1968; elected as a Republican to the Eighty-seventh and to the 10 succeeding Congresses and served from January 3, 1961, until his death April 24, 1982, in Johnstown, Ohio; cremated; ashes interred in Green Hill Cemetery.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
FOR
JOHN M. ASHBROOK

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *April 26, 1982.*

Rev. Edward G. Latch, D.D., former Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.—Ephesians 6: 10.

God of our fathers and our God, cleanse the thoughts of our minds by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit that we may truly love Thee and worthily serve Thee this day. May our spirits be with Thee and Thy Spirit live in us as we endeavor to keep freedom and justice and peace alive in our world.

We pause in Thy presence as we remember our beloved colleague, JOHN M. ASHBROOK, who has left us and now is with Thee. We thank Thee for his genuine spirit and for the great contribution he made to this body and to our country. Comfort his family with Thy presence and strengthen them for these hours. Keep them and us strong and steady this day and all the days that are to come. Amen.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce the passing on Saturday last of one of our friends and colleagues, the Honorable JOHN ASHBROOK of Johnstown, Ohio.

JOHN had many, many friends throughout the Nation, throughout the State of Ohio, his district, and in this body and he will be sorely missed.

JOHN was a believer in his convictions. He never hesitated to speak out for what he believed in. He was one of the most articulate Members of this body.

He was a conservative through and through. He was a conservative when it was not popular to be a conservative.

Let me say that services for JOHN will be held at 1 p.m., in Johnstown, Ohio, on Wednesday next at the Johnstown Baptist Church. The arrangements are in charge of the Crouse & Son Funeral Home.

The delegation will leave the steps of the Capitol Building for the funeral at 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife, Jean, and to his three daughters, Barbara, Laura, and Madeline.

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, I do not know when I have been so shocked as I was this past weekend when hearing the tragic news of JOHN ASHBROOK's passing away while out in his district. This House has certainly lost a giant of a man, a big voice in this House and, as the gentleman from Ohio said, a most articulate spokesman for the conservative cause. If ever there was a bona fide conservative Member of this body, through and through, without any particular trappings it was JOHN ASHBROOK. He never was averse to standing alone, to dare to be a Daniel out there, if he felt strongly enough about the issue or the subject. He was a gifted speaker, as the gentleman so well knows, an able debater, certainly one of the most effective Members of this body in my tenure of serving here. I know that we will surely want to set aside a special occasion for appropriate eulogies when all the Members are here in town. But I could not resist the opportunity to at least say a few words here this morning, and I suspect that there will be a large contingent and delegation to attend the funeral.

I want to join the gentleman from Ohio in expressing my heartfelt and deepest sympathies and condolences to his wife, Jean, and his three children, all of the members of the family, and those constituents of his out in Ohio who have come to revere the name and life of JOHN ASHBROOK.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, the death of our highly respected colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, came as a profound shock to all of us who treasured his friendship.

As a legislator, JOHN was the epitome of dedication to principle. He never waivered and he never compromised in maintaining the integrity of his well-thought-out positions.

I remember that last year, as we worked with the budget reconciliation legislation, his compassion for others was clearly evident as he, the ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor, fought valiantly and, I might add, successfully, to strengthen programs for the handicapped and for those desiring vocational education.

The Nation has lost an outstanding citizen and an outstanding patriot. We in the Ohio delegation will miss the wise counsel of a colleague we all cherished.

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, over the weekend, this body was struck by a terrible loss. It was with great shock and sadness that I learned of the unexpected death of JOHN ASHBROOK.

I had the privilege of serving with JOHN on the Education and Labor Committee. As the ranking Republican, JOHN was always ready and willing to work with the junior Members to find solutions to the problems of our country.

JOHN ASHBROOK was one who never shirked controversy. He was never afraid to buck the political odds—no matter how steep.

JOHN was a prodigious worker. He was an effective and articulate spokesman on behalf of fiscal restraint in government.

I first heard him speak a few years ago when he addressed a GOP caucus in Wisconsin. JOHN was always willing to help the party in places outside of Ohio.

His passing is a loss to the Congress—to his party, and to the Nation. I extend to his family my most sincere condolences.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, want to express my deepest sympathy to the family of JOHN ASHBROOK and to the people of Ohio on their great loss. JOHN ASHBROOK was one of the most effective Members of Congress we have ever had on the floor of the House, in my experience. He was certainly someone who understood the parliamentary procedures and was willing to use those parliamentary procedures to fight for his cause. Time and time again, he took steps which sometimes angered Members of Congress here, in order to make a point or in order to see to it that an issue got articulated, and we are going to miss that kind of leadership on the floor. I think the Nation is going to miss that leadership, too.

Mr. PERKINS. Mr. Speaker, the Committee on Education and Labor is saddened by the untimely death on Saturday of our colleague of many years, JOHN ASHBROOK, of Ohio.

And if I may inject a personal word, JOHN's passing is especially painful to me, for we had worked together with increasing closeness in my capacity as chairman and his capacity as ranking minority member of the committee.

Never did a chairman have a more constructive, cooperative partner in expediting the legislative business assigned to the committee by the House, and I shall certainly miss the opportunity for close relations that had grown up between us.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a great American. He came to the House more than two decades ago an idealist. He never lost his idealism. A

man of principle, he staked out his public positions with the compass and sextant of his philosophy. It did not occur to him to look for the signposts of expediency.

In the more than 20 years of our acquaintance, JOHN and I disagreed hundreds of times, both in committee and on this floor. We simply saw many issues differently—he through the lens of his central Ohio upbringing, I through the eyes of my eastern Kentucky district. But there was never any doubt in my mind where JOHN ASHBROOK stood, and never any question but that he had arrived there by the lights of his conscience and his intellect.

You can respect a man like that, and you are lucky if you can have him as your friend.

In his passing, this House has lost a brilliant mind and a superb tactician. The Seventh District of Ohio has lost an able representative. And his family has sufferred a grievous loss of a devoted father and husband. And we who knew him well and worked with him day by day have lost a good friend.

May he rest in peace.

Mr. WEBER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, as a fellow Member from Ohio, and being in my first term in this House of Representatives, let me express my personal appreciation for the life of Congressman JOHN ASHBROOK. In every sense of the word he was a dedicated American, unselfish, absolutely hard working, and very helpful to me personally on so very many various occasions and in so many various ways. He was a man of deep principle, and he was devoted to his wife and family. He once expressed that one of his regrets about service in this House was the fact that it did leave him very little time for his family because of his devotion to his duty and his obligations as a representative of his constituents. He was respected greatly by Members of both parties in this House, and I wish to associate myself and join in the expression of regret and sympathy already extended to Congressman JOHN ASHBROOK's loving wife, Jean, and to his three daughters.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged resolution (H. Res. 436) on the death of the Honorable JOHN M. ASHBROOK.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 436

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOHN M. ASHBROOK, a Representative from the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The Resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER. The Chair wishes to lay before the House a Message from the Senate on Senate Resolution 375:

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Sparrow, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate agreed to the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 375

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable JOHN M. ASHBROOK, late a Representative from the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

Mr. LUNGREN. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of our colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, came as a great shock to many of us who have worked with him and known him over the years.

The sadness that we feel is a measure of the great respect that this man has earned from us. It is the kind of respect that is spawned of the courage to stand up for principle—that, more than anything, was the hallmark of his career. The courage to stand up and challenge a popular incumbent President with the sole intent of getting his message of principle across to the people of this country.

It is the kind of respect that is spawned of the ceaseless energy that he showed in his work on the House floor. JOHN ASHBROOK innovated and popularized many of the parliamentary activities that are employed today.

It is the kind of respect that is due to a man of the buoyant good nature that he so often displayed.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a pioneer of the conservative movement. In the wake of the overwhelming repudiation of his party's Presidential candidate in 1964, he did not give up hope or change his course. Rather, he forged onward as the organizer and founding chairman of the American Conservative Union.

"I have never felt that I had to go along with anything," he once said, "and getting along is not important to me."

It is seldom that this Chamber is graced with the presence of so principled and dynamic a man as JOHN ASHBROOK. He will be missed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. Fithian). Pursuant to House Resolution 436, the Chair, on behalf of the Speaker, appoints as members of the Funeral Committee of the late JOHN M. ASHBROOK the following Members on the part of the House:

Mr. Latta of Ohio, Mr. Michel of Illinois, Mr. Stanton of Ohio, Mr. Brown of Ohio, Mr. Miller of Ohio, Mr. Wylie of Ohio, Mr. Stokes of Ohio, Mr. Seiberling of Ohio, Mr. Regula of Ohio, Mr. Gradison of Ohio, Mr. Kindness of Ohio, Mr. Mottl of Ohio, Mr. Luken of Ohio, Mr. Applegate of Ohio, Ms. Oakar of Ohio, Mr. Pease of Ohio, Mr. Hall of Ohio, Mr. Williams of Ohio, Mr. Eckart of Ohio, Mr. McEwen of Ohio, Mr. Shamansky of Ohio, Mr. Weber of Ohio, Mr. Oxley of Ohio, Mr. Perkins of Kentucky, Mr. Boland of Massachusetts, Mr. Erlenborn of Illinois, Mr. Ford of Michigan, Mr. Philip M. Crane of Illinois, Mr. Rousselot of California, Mr. Hillis of Indiana, Mr. Kemp of New York, Mr. Young of Florida, Mr. Gilman of New York, Mr. Martin of North Carolina, Mr. Taylor of Missouri, Mr. Goodling of Pennsylvania, Mr. Jeffords of Vermont, Mr. McDonald of Georgia, Mr. Simon of Illinois, Mr. Coleman of Missouri, Mr. Stump of Arizona, Mr. Erdahl of Minnesota, Mr. Lewis of California, Mr. Lungren of California, Mr. Roth of Wisconsin, Mr. Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin, Mr. Shumway of California, Mr. Petri of Wisconsin, Mr. Bailey of Missouri, Mr. Craig of Idaho, Mr. Daub of Nebraska, Mr. Emerson of Missouri, and Mr. Johnston of North Carolina.

Mr. MARKS. Mr. Speaker, it was with a sense of shock and deep sadness that I learned of the death of our distinguished colleague from Ohio, and my friend JOHN ASHBROOK.

Perhaps the high regard and genuine affection I had for JOHN is best expressed by a note of condolence I sent to his wife and children.

Text of letter follows:

WASHINGTON, D.C., *April 27, 1982.*

Mrs. JEAN ASHBROOK,
910 Wes Village Drive, Newark, Ohio

DEAR MRS. ASHBROOK AND CHILDREN: I write as a colleague of JOHN's who very early in my first year learned to admire him and respect him and his views. You may not be aware but I am sure that my voting record and JOHN's voting record, over the six years I have had the privilege of being his colleague, are probably as dissimilar as any two in the House. However, at no time to my knowledge, did that ever interfere with our friendship. JOHN, although disagreeing with my positions most of the time, always gave me the opportunity of voicing them and did not ever belittle me. I appreciated that more than I can tell you since that was not always true of other colleagues of mine who may not have agreed with me in my positions.

Your very dear husband went so far before the last election to voluntarily offer to come and campaign in my behalf. Although to do so I am certain would have tarnished him at least to some degree—yet he never considered that was important but only considered that helping me return, in spite of my oft-times differences of opinion with him, was important.

Your husband—your father—my friend, JOHN ASHBROOK, was in fact one of the great Americans. I admired him and truly I will miss him.

Having experienced a death in my own family of someone very close, I at least to some small extent can share with you your feelings at this time. I send to you all the love and affection of my entire family.

Respectfully,

MARC LINCOLN MARKS,
Member of Congress.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my sincere grief and sorrow at the passing of our distinguished colleague from Ohio, Mr. ASHBROOK, whose funeral services are being held today and as I understand it the reason why we have no legislative business this afternoon.

Though the gentleman from Ohio's philosophy of government and mine may perhaps be described as quite different, if not diametrically opposed, I had nothing but respect and appreciation for his dignified manner, his behavior and his record as a Member of this House.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the Honorable JOHN ASHBROOK.

To say that JOHN's passing was untimely is an understatement. We will all miss his guidance and expertise as we face the day-to-day fight on behalf of conservative principals. JOHN's willingness to stand up for his beliefs are well known and an inspiration to us all.

When he stood in the well to speak, the House was always assured a speech that even the opposition found compelling.

On a more personal level, I will always be indebted to JOHN for his outstanding work on the budget reconciliation which enabled us to protect programs for the handicapped. He was a tireless worker in all areas of his legislative life, but still found time for his family and the people of his district. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I have taken this time to pay tribute to our former colleague and friend, JOHN ASHBROOK, who passed away suddenly in his hometown of Johnstown, Ohio, on April 24.

The untimely passing of JOHN ASHBROOK will be felt by countless of people throughout the Nation and especially by those in his congressional district and in the State of Ohio. JOHN's integrity, courage, and dedication to principle served all of them well.

JOHN had many, many friends throughout the Nation, throughout the State of Ohio, his district, and in this body; he will be sorely missed.

President Reagan issued the following statement upon learning of Congressman ASHBROOK's passing:

> JOHN ASHBROOK was a man of courage and principle. He served his constituents and his country with dedication and devotion, always working toward the betterment of his fellow man. His patriotism and deep belief in the greatness of America never wavered, and his articulate and passionate calls for a return to old-fashioned American values earned him the respect of all who knew him.
>
> I valued JOHN ASHBROOK's friendship and will miss his wise counsel. Nancy and I join in sending our deepest sympathy to JOHN's family.

With the passing of our friend and colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, the cause of freedom everywhere has lost a noble spirit and a courageous champion. At such a time, it is difficult to express not only the depth of our affection for JOHN, but the larger meaning of his contribution to the lives of all those who knew and worked with him, as well as to the values we cherish as Americans.

No better expression of that contribution and of those values can be found than the words of JOHN's friend of many years, Victor Lasky, in his moving eulogy delivered at funeral ceremonies in JOHN's native Johnstown, Ohio.

I include Victor Lasky's eulogy and tribute to our colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, in the record at this point:

Eulogy for John Ashbrook

(By Victor Lasky)

(Memorial Service, First Baptist Church, Johnstown, Ohio, April 28, 1982)

In its coverage of the life of John M. Ashbrook, The New York Times quoted the Almanac of American Politics 1982 as describing John's 20 years in Congress as "almost a catalog of lost causes."

Lost causes indeed!

I've got news for The New York Times and the Almanac of American Politics.

John Ashbrook's ideas and his point of view took root in this country and came to fruition with the election of Ronald Reagan to the Presidency.

And just as important, John Ashbrook lived to see conservative ideas become fashionable. For there was a time when big media and the trendies in academia could not conceive of the possibility that their collectivist biases could be effectively challenged.

Those biases are being challenged in magazines like the New—I almost said the New Republic, but of course I didn't mean that one. I meant the National Review and the American Spectator and Human Events, all representing the finest in conservative ideas.

John Ashbrook was exhilarated by the battle of ideas. For he was an intellectual, in the best sense of that often-abused word. Having studied with professors like Arthur Schlesinger Jr. and John Kenneth Galbraith, John did the unusual. Instead of turning towards the left, he turned right. John lived to see many young people in this country become interested in conservative ideas. He lived to see young people who admired John Ashbrook run for office. For there had been a time when, as our dear friend Bill Buckley once said, the conservative movement consisted of almost one individual, Johnny Ashbrook. The fact is that Johnny was a Reaganite, even before Reagan. John fought big government, big labor, the arrogance of big media and he always loved to taunt the good grey lady of West 43d Street, the New York Times. He would insert a little column in the Congressional Record every now and then, reprinting something that the Times had said that John didn't like and he would label it "All the News Fit to Tint."

Now John was often called an obstructionist and worse things by our liberal friends, but he was not an obstructionist. He was a man who believed sincerely in the workings of the Congress and as his colleagues here could well tell you, he worked day and night, rarely leaving the House floor to make sure that his friends on the other side of the aisle knew he was there. As Les Arends, then the Minority Whip, once told me, "The only time Johnny would vote 'yes' was to adjourn."

John was a partisan deeply rooted in his ideas, principles, and his objections to what the opposition had to offer, but he was never a mean man. He was in many ways what we in New York call a Mensch. He was a standup guy. He fought for what he believed, but he fought fairly. I recall just a year or so ago when we were discussing a congressional colleague of his, the leader of a House committee who had gotten into a ridiculous and stupid jam involving Abscam and John, although he opposed everything this man stood

for politically, was broken-hearted because for many years he had worked with this man and loved him like a brother. They would fight on the House floor, they would fight in committee, but he said "I am going to support this man if I can," and he contributed to this man's campaign, defense campaign, not to his political campaign. I thought that was a stupid thing to do, because I thought it could be used against him, but he didn't particularly care. As a matter of fact over the 30 years I've known JOHN, I don't think he listened to me once. And there was another Congressman who got into another sort of trouble. And yet JOHN went out of his way to support his campaign for reelection. Again some of us said, "Look, you've got your own campaign to run. It's going to be a tough one." But he couldn't have cared less. He said, "This man is my friend. He asked for my help and I will help him." And he did so. Again he failed to listen to me, which was to his credit in many ways.

Yes, JOHNNY wanted to win. He was a partisan. But it would not be the end of the world, he often told me, if he should lose. He looked forward to the campaign this fall because he felt that it would be one of those historic battles of ideas—conservatism versus liberalism—and let the people decide. Let them pick the philosophy they wanted most. But he often said his greatest political asset—the best thing he had going for him—was the fact that he would rather be a printer. He would rather put out that little newspaper here in Johnstown, Ohio, than occupy the greatest office in the land if it meant that he had to trim his views. Because whatever else you might say about JOHN ASHBROOK, he was not a trimmer. He did not compromise his views. He felt strongly about his views and as he often said about his opponents, those he liked best, curiously enough, were those who stuck by their liberal convictions without compromise. He liked them because he himself stood for principle and as he often said, "I like people who have principles."

I first met JOHN over 30 years ago because I was lucky enough to marry into the family. When I met him here on Main Street, he was covered with printer's ink. He had served in the Navy. How many of you realize that he had served with Admiral Byrd in the Antarctic? He didn't have any fancy job—he was a store clerk down there with the penguins. And he had just come out of Harvard where, as I have already noted, despite having studied under Arthur Schlesinger, he remained a young conservative.

Now JOHN, as they say in French but I am not going to use the French expression, was a most serious man, but he did have a great sense of humor. I can remember in a speech during the Carter years when he told people in his audiences that he also had a brother named Billy, except that his brother Billy ran a bank and not a filling station. And I can remember when he tried to tease me by running an item in the Johnstown Independent in which he announced that a New York hood had come to town. And I can still remember, Billy, those wonderful days when we would meet at 9 o'clock in the morning at the Cottage (I don't know what the restaurant is called now, but it's had 15 owners since) and order coffee and doughnuts. We would solve the problems of the world and have lots of laughs in the process. This town has been America to me. A boy from New York meeting these wonderful people from Johnstown, Ohio. I was accepted by these people as one of their own. And I will never forget that. I appreciate it very much, Billy.

JOHN often said, as Billy reminded me, "If laughter is the best medicine, we should all live a thousand years, because we've had a million laughs." And we've had a million laughs, and in JOHN's memory we will continue to have a million laughs because that is the way he would have wanted it.

JOHN lived to be 53 years of age. But as Doc Young, wonderful Doc Young, said in the paper this morning—in those 53 years JOHNNY ASHBROOK did 106 years of work.

But it wasn't all work. He loved his family. I know. He loved his daughters Barbara, Laura, and Madeline. And Jean's children, too, who consider themselves twice-blessed for having JOHN as a second father. And there is Billy, of course, and Lucy and Leah, his sisters. And there is JOHN's beloved mother, Marie, a tower of strength at a time of despair. And I can remember when I spoke at a bullroast for JOHNNY. It was always a family affair. They must have gotten the idea for the TV series "All in the Family" from the Ashbrooks. There was mama playing "Stout Hearted Men" on the organ. She kept going while I tried to speak. And Governor Reagan appeared at that time, but it was really, truly all in the family.

As President Reagan put it, "JOHN ASHBROOK's patriotism and deep belief in the greatness of America never wavered and his articulate and passionate calls for a return to old-fashioned American values earned him the respect of all those who knew him." And then, when Jean Ashbrook was called by the President just this past weekend after the President heard the terrible news at Camp David, Jean, sweet Jeanie, told the President, "Mr. President, he so wanted to be with you serving in the U.S. Senate, to help you fight your battles and to help you make this country great again. Mr. President, JOHNNY believed in you and valued your friendship for so many years. I know he loved you as he also loved his country."

And JOHNNY also loved his wife—dear, beloved Jeanie. Here is a special poem that they both loved. Jean asked me to read it to you. I don't know who the author is. It is entitled, "Alone."

There should be two words, dearest, one made up
  Of all glad sounds that ever breathed on earth
Of all the ecstacies that fill joy's cup,
  Of love and peace and happiness and mirth.
The other, like a weary, wailing sigh,
  Full of sad tones in longing, hungry strain.
Hopeless, despairing, just a baffled cry
  Of love and loneliness and blank, numb pain.
One I would love—the other I would fear.
  There two words, chosen with consummate art;
One meaning we're alone together, dear.
  The other meaning we're alone—apart.

JOHN was our friend, a deep, caring friend. He was our brother, a compassionate brother

He was also the light of our lives.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a conservative through and through, and even at a time when it was not popular to be a conservative, JOHN

was not afraid to stand up against great political odds and speak what he thought was right. He was always a most articulate spokesman and a tremendous leader for the conservative cause.

Even though JOHN attended Harvard University where many of his professors were classified as liberals, JOHN was able to keep his conservative convictions and graduate with his principles intact. Upon his graduation from Harvard, JOHN attended law school at Ohio State University receiving a juris doctor degree. JOHN began his political career when he joined the Young Republican Club at Harvard.

JOHN holds the distinction of having defeated three Democrat incumbents in 10 years. In 1956, he was elected to the Ohio General Assembly, defeating an incumbent Democrat legislator. In 1960, he defeated a Democrat Congressman for national office; and after the redistricting in 1966, he defeated another Democrat Congressman, a 20-year veteran, as they had been placed for the same seat for the 17th District of Ohio. At the time of his death, JOHN was the leading candidate for the Ohio Republican Party's U.S. Senate nomination this year.

My wife, Rose Mary, joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to JOHN's wife, Jean, and his three lovely daughters, Barbara, Laura, and Madeline. We all miss him greatly, but we are immensely proud of all that JOHN had accomplished and feel fortunate to have shared these few short years on Earth with him.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, in sadness I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to our friend JOHN ASHBROOK. For 21 years JOHN faithfully served the people of the 17th District of Ohio, which adjoins my own 16th District.

JOHN stood out in our Ohio delegation as an activist for the conservative cause, a leading voice of conservatism in the Congress. He never wavered or compromised the integrity of his positions.

JOHN ASHBROOK was an idealist who never lost his idealism, a legislator who courageously fought for the principles he believed in.

As I mentioned in an earlier statement, I remember that last year, as we worked with the budget reconciliation legislation, his compassion for others was clearly evident as he, the ranking minority member of the Committee on Education and Labor, fought valiantly and, I might add, successfully, to strengthen programs for the handicapped and for those desiring vocational education.

The destiny which took JOHN from us smiled just long enough to allow him to enjoy seeing America adopt many of the conservative principles he so staunchly advocated during his political career.

JOHN loved the rural part of the Buckeye State he represented, which he often referred to affectionately as the real America. And the people of his expanded community obviously respected him and the quality of his labors in their behalf for they returned him to the Congress 10 times.

Shortly before he was struck down so tragically he made the decision to seek the office of U.S. Senator. Many qualities, including intellectual honesty and faith in America, had made him our party's foremost contender for this high office.

JOHN and I were born in Ohio and served together nearly 10 years in the House of Representatives. During that time and before, he gave of himself tirelessly in a manner that is an example of those who will follow as servants of the people. In fact, the last advice given to him by his physicians was to the effect that he was "not to work so many 120-hour weeks."

In the passing of JOHN ASHBROOK, Ohio has lost a respected public servant, we have lost an esteemed and cherished colleague. The Nation has lost perhaps its most articulate conservative spokesman.

On a personal note, I treasured the friendship of JOHN and will miss his wise counsel.

My wife, Mary, joins me in extending our deepest sympathy to Jean and JOHN's daughters in the loss of a loving husband and devoted father.

Mr. McCLORY. Mr. Speaker, it is doubly sad to note the passing from this body of one of our most experienced and courageous legislators, JOHN ASHBROOK of Ohio.

First, it is deeply saddening to reflect that JOHN was only 53 years old. Not only was he in the prime of his life, but because he came to Congress at such an early age, he was in the prime of his career as well. We mourn for his family and many Ohio friends who must feel unfairly deprived of one among their midst so loved, trusted, and depended upon.

Second, we shall keenly miss JOHN's participation in the Federal lawmaking process. His innate intelligence, his courage, his adherence to the highest principles of individual and professional conduct were individual qualities which surpassed even his special talents as a debater and as a political and public leader. JOHN ASHBROOK was

tenacious and unyielding in holding to his convictions, and his virtues were part of a personal makeup, not techniques employed simply for political or even legislative advantage.

Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to watch at close range as JOHN applied himself as a member of the House Judiciary Committee and the House Intelligence Committee upon which both of us have served. Congressman ASHBROOK's tenacity was always displayed in pursuit of an ideal, a goal, or a concept of Government or social policy which he revered to the exclusion of petty, personal, or even partisan considerations.

The loss of any individual from this Chamber, whether by death or by choice or by the will of the voters, creates a vacancy which is felt by some or most of his or her colleagues. However, the loss of JOHN ASHBROOK as a colleague creates a large and special vacancy; he was a unique Member of the U.S. House of Representatives whose influence was substantial and whose character drew respect from all of us.

On behalf of my wife Doris and me, I extend deep sympathy to his widow, Jean, and all members of his family.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the paths of JOHN ASHBROOK and Bill Young crossed many times during the last 25 years, and with each experience I gained a greater degree of respect for my friend and colleague.

We first met in 1957 during the National Young Republican Convention. As the Florida State chairman, I attended the convention where I was immediately impressed by JOHN ASHBROOK, and became involved in the successful effort to elect him national chairman, a position he served in for the next 3 years.

Following our successful first meeting, 3 years elapsed before we again combined efforts. In 1960, we both were coming off successful campaigns—JOHN was elected to his first term in Congress and I was elected to my first term in the Florida State Senate. Following our victories, we traveled throughout the country together, sharing the Republican philosophy with people throughout our Nation. It was during that trip that JOHN and I found out how close our ideological beliefs really were.

Ten years later, I was elected by the people of Pinellas County to serve in this body, where JOHN had already established his reputation after five terms in office. It comes as no surprise that JOHN was the first Member I became closely associated with upon my arrival in Washington. For the last 3 years, we served side by side on the Perma-

nent Select Committee on Intelligence, where we battled together for the passage of legislation to strengthen our intelligence community and protect our intelligence agents.

Throughout the quarter-century I knew JOHN, I saw him as a courageous leader. Despite the odds, he always stood firm for the position he felt was right. His prime motivation was to do what was best for the people of Ohio and our country.

The true measure of success of any elected official is the opinion held by those he serves. JOHN was elected to this body 11 times by the people of Johnstown.

Their respect was evident 2 weeks ago when I traveled to Johnstown with the congressional delegation which attended JOHN's funeral services. Upon entering Johnstown, we first noticed the American flags placed everywhere to honor JOHN. Homes, businesses, and schools flew their flags at half-mast. These people without flag poles lined their sidewalks with flags on small wooden sticks.

Businesses closed for the day to honor JOHN, and many displayed large signs in remembrance of their hometown hero. At the church, several hundred people stood outside the overflowing building to pay their last respects.

Following the service, the procession route was lined with people. The town's firefighters and policemen turned out in uniform, saluting JOHN as the procession passed. Many knew JOHN personally, others simply knew of JOHN's work, but all agreed that no one in their town, or State, was more respected.

When we arrived at the cemetery, the congressional delegation turned and watched as an endless stream of cars flowed into the cemetery for a chance to say one last goodby to their friend.

Some of us knew JOHN better than others, and while some had ideological differences of opinion, there was unanimity in the feeling of respect for our colleague who served in this body for 22 years. While we pay tribute to him here in the Chamber where he so honorably served, I cannot help but think that the greatest tribute of all was paid our colleague in Johnstown, Ohio, where the people who knew him best, his friends and neighbors, turned out to say goodby to the man they loved.

Mr. RUDD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness, yet equally magnanimous admiration and deep respect, that we pay tribute in this special order to one of our fellow legislators and good friend, JOHN MILAN ASHBROOK.

President Reagan aptly characterized JOHN with his statement a few weeks back:

> Congressman ASHBROOK was a man of courage and principle who "served his constituents and his country with dedication and devotion, always working toward the betterment of his fellow man."

Our President went on to say that—

> JOHN's patriotism and deep belief in the greatness of America never wavered and his articulate and passionate calls for a return to old-fashioned American values earned him the respect of all who knew him.

We greatly honor Congressman ASHBROOK by describing him as a man who believed strongly in the principles on which our great Nation was founded; a nation under God, respect for individual rights, and the often-forgotten freedoms and liberty blessed to our country.

The loss of JOHN ASHBROOK is great: to his wife, Jean, and family, to the citizens of Ohio, and America; to his many friends in Congress, and elsewhere; but, also to the conservative movement for which JOHN devoted much of his life.

Since he was first elected to this body 22 years ago, JOHN demonstrated the kind of spirited leadership on a wide range of conservative issues that left him recognized as one of the standard bearers of a philosophy shared by many of us.

JOHN also was a devoted Republican who kept his party faithful to its own principles. In criticizing a former Republican administration for failing to honor its campaign promises, JOHN once said:

> I still believe it is in the best American tradition to speak out, even when it is in criticism of your party's actions. I have not and will not shrink from that role, regardless of the consequences.

The son of William Albert Ashbrook, a Member of Congress himself, JOHN M. ASHBROOK never failed to speak his mind in the variety of occupations he held.

He was an attorney who held a position as a special counsel to the Ohio Attorney General. He served as an assemblyman in the Ohio State Legislature. He was one of the founders of the American Conservative Union. He was a newspaper publisher. He was campaign chairman of the Young Republican National Federation. He served in a number of leadership roles in individual rights and freedom advocacy organizations, and he served our Nation as an outspoken patriot who was a strong believer in the paramount values of our free and open system in America.

When he first ran for national office, he told the citizens of Ohio's 17th Congressional District to beware of "unbridled national power with a resultant loss of individual freedom and autonomy." He warned the voters of the "State planners, the economy wreckers, the spenders, the destroyers of local government" who "weave a web of socialistic control over us."

JOHN spoke as he believed, in this body and elsewhere, with a spirit and style that left no one in doubt of where he stood on the issues.

A biographer from Human Events described JOHN as "big (over 6 feet) and handsome, a sandy-haired man * * * who lives and works with an intensity to make the average man breathless."

"My greatest asset," he once told a Wall Street Journal interviewer, "is that I'd rather be a printer. So I don't have to worry that much about a political future and I don't have to trim."

We will all recall JOHN M. ASHBROOK as a man who stood tall for the principles which he strongly endorsed, who did not back down but called the shots as he plainly and honestly saw them. As a fellow conservative and associate of JOHN, I know that I will miss his always activated presence, his tremendous grasp of the parliamentary procedures, his forthrightness, and the integrity and livelihood he added to the conservative movement in our Nation.

There were not many issues that JOHN did not influence with his bold words, and few people have stood as firmly for America as JOHN did.

We will all miss JOHN MILAN ASHBROOK. My deepest sympathies are extended to his wife Jean, his family, his many friends and followers.

Mr. KINDNESS. Mr. Speaker, the Ohio news service on May 3 wrote these words about JOHN ASHBROOK, saying:

Farewell, JOHN ASHBROOK. No one we have ever known has enjoyed the frantic give and take of political decisionmaking and campaigning with as much good humor and grace as JOHN ASHBROOK. He knew what he believed and knew how to communicate those beliefs to his constituency, whether the national conservatives or Ohio's big 17th Congressional District. No cause was ever lost to him as long as there was another day. We join the sadness of the many who wish his days were not over.

Mr. Speaker, our departed colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, was a man of many aspects and I choose to remember him particularly as a man of purpose.

There is very little that anybody who knew him could recall that JOHN did aimlessly. He had purpose before him and beside him in

practically all he did during the years in which I at least had the opportunity to observe him and share activity and friendship.

Many have heard JOHN ASHBROOK say, "There goes one of the great Americans," within the hearing of the person so complimented. And indeed that was meant as a compliment.

Even that expression had its purpose for JOHN.

JOHN liked to encourage people. Nothing could be dearer to JOHN ASHBROOK's public heart than the encouragement of patriots to greater heights of patriotism.

Much of JOHN's life was purposefully devoted to his attempts to make our Nation greater, stronger, and better as a nation of free people in a free enterprise economy.

In the loss of our friend and colleague we suffer the loss of a great patriot.

While extending great sympathy to Jean and JOHN's daughters and all of his friends and family, I find my thoughts of JOHN summarized and concentrated in the expression, "There goes one of the really great Americans."

Mr. ROUSSELOT. Mr. Speaker, JOHN ASHBROOK brought a sense of dedication to his job and to the service of constituents that all of us hope most sincerely we can achieve.

As has already been described so eloquently by some of our other colleagues, the memorial services in JOHN's hometown of Johnstown were impressive, not that we did not know that so many of his constituents knew and loved him, but that the outpouring that occurred on that day as we drove to and from the funeral, as we went to the cemetery, was so overwhelming, as stated by our colleague, Bill Young, because there was just a natural outpouring of so many of the citizens in the town of Johnstown. Flags were indeed displayed everywhere the eye could see.

All of those items were proof positive that the people there not only knew him and loved him but appreciated the way he had served them here in the House of Representatives.

The local newspaper, which he published, I thought interestingly enough on April 28 used a quote from Daniel Webster, which I think clearly stated what we have all come to know about JOHN ASHBROOK. The statement of Daniel Webster went:

> I was born an American. I live an American, I shall die an American, and I intend to perform the duties incumbent upon me in that character to the end of my career.

That is certainly what JOHN ASHBROOK did in his service to his country, to his constituents, to this House of Representatives, which he loved so much, and in which he was so much a part and participated.

There was a unique quality of JOHN that was the central theme of the moving eulogy delivered at his funeral in Johnstown, Ohio, by many of his friends, and as already stated by our colleague, Del Latta, Victor Lasky, who was a major part of this moving service, stated it in such perfect ways, when he said:

JOHN was a man who deeply and sincerely believed in the workings of Congress. He was a man dedicated to the idea of individual liberty, a representative of the people who trusted in their wisdom but distrusted big government with all his soul. He worked day and night on behalf of these principles, rarely left the House floor and always made sure that his friends on the other side of the aisle knew he was there. As Les Arends, once the minority whip, once put it, "The only time JOHNNY would vote yes was to adjourn."

Yes, JOHN was deeply rooted to his principles. Victor Lasky continued in his eulogy, but he was never a mean man. He was what we in New York call a "mensch"—a standup guy who fought for what he believed, but always fought fairly. I recall, just a year or so ago, we were discussing a congressional colleague of his who had gotten into trouble involving the Abscam investigation, and although JOHN opposed everything this man stood for ideologically, he was broken hearted because for many years he had worked with this man and loved him like a brother. They would fight on the House floor. They would fight in committee. But JOHN said, "I'm going to support this man if I can," and contributed to his colleague's defense fund.

Victor Lasky went on to say: And there was another Congressman who had gotten into some other sort of trouble, and despite the risk to his own career, JOHN went out of his way to support that colleague in his time of need. Many of JOHN's friends, myself included, advised him to be prudent and cautious, to consider his own political interests, but that wasn't JOHN ASHBROOK's way. He said, "This man is my friend, and I'm going to help him." In short, just as JOHN didn't compromise his political beliefs on behalf of self-interest, he didn't compromise his friendships. To him, friendship was a deep and meaningful thing.

JOHN was a conservative, a fierce adversary in the political field, Victor Lasky continued, but he was able to maintain his friendship with his colleagues across the aisle—no matter how deeply he disagreed with them—because above all, he liked people who stand by their principles. He was exhilarated by the clash of ideas, and he understood that the free, open clash of ideas is the essence of the American way.

As President Reagan has said, "JOHN ASHBROOK's patriotism and deep belief in the greatness of America never wavered, and his articulate and passionate call for a return to old-fashioned American values earned him the respect of all who knew him."

It is true that he stood very, very firmly for those things in which he really believed and was unwilling to trim his sails just for the sake of convenience.

As a matter of fact, as others have pointed out, or may point out, when once discussing a congressional colleague of his, who had gotten into trouble involving the Abscam investigation, and although JOHN ASHBROOK was very much in opposition to what this individual stood for ideologically, he, JOHN ASHBROOK, was indeed broken-hearted because for so many years he had worked with this individual and had come to appreciate what he did on the House floor, even though he disagreed with him all the time.

And he, JOHN ASHBROOK, then contributed to this colleague's defense fund, not because again he condoned what he had done, but because he realized that he had fallen into the trap of easy activity, I guess you would put it, but he still felt the gentleman needed an appropriate defense.

I can remember in my association with JOHN ASHBROOK, which goes back to Young Republican days, where he served, believe it or not—and some of my colleagues might not have known he was active in the Young Republican Club at Harvard—JOHN ASHBROOK was even then a unique political activist. There were not too many of them then at Harvard when he joined and helped participate in that club, but then JOHN never backed away from tough assignments.

Many of my colleagues know, he was chairman of the Young Republican National Federation from 1957 to 1959, and when he ran for that office he was unopposed, which is one of the few times that has occurred in that national organization. But the reason was because he was so well known even then as such a vigorous advocate of conservatism and for his own point of view and people appreciated that leadership that he showed even back in those days, many days ago.

I do not have to convince this House as to what an outstanding advocate of conservative principles JOHN ASHBROOK was, and I know it is a high target, a high symbol for which we can all hope that we work as aggressively as he did for the ideas in which he believed—and he debated any time almost any place some of the strongest liberal advocates of the time, Hubert Humphrey, John Lindsay, John Kenneth Galbraith, all of those people as advocates he was willing to face on radio, television, and in any public forum.

He may not have been as articulate as the others, but was always willing to be there to debate the issues in a positive way.

Through all of this, JOHN ASHBROOK maintained a sense of humor that was so helpful to relieve some of the tensions that sometimes existed.

I never will forget when JOHN and I were first elected in the 1960 elections. After we both had arrived here, to look for offices and finally found them, he called me one day to come to his office, because he wanted me to meet a friend, he said, from Ohio. The friend happened to be George Koch, whom I was meeting for the first time. But JOHN and his wonderful sense of humor introduced George Koch who at that time was representing Sears and Roebuck in a very different way. He said, "John, come in. I want you to meet so and so," and he gave him a different name and said, "He represents the Retail Clerks Union, and you know who they are." I started right off without hesitating, before JOHN could interrupt, to accost George Koch, who I did not know was representing Sears, thinking he was representing the Retail Clerks Union. At that particular moment in time the Retail Clerks Union had a major disagreement with Sears and Roebuck. And I began a verbal barrage of accusations as to where they were being so unfair to this fine retail firm. Neither JOHN nor George Koch interrupted me but let me go on forever and ever—as I tend to do, as my colleagues all know—before JOHN finally interrupted me and explained to me that George Koch was really a good and close friend who represented the free market point of view. But this was his way of introducing me to a good and close friend. So I would not forget him—and I did not.

Let me quickly review his outstanding record of achievements.

Young Republicans: Joined the Young Republicans Club at Harvard and on return to Ohio following graduation became active in Licking County and Ohio State Law School YRs. Chairman of Licking County YR Club, 1953–55. Chairman, Ohio League of Young Republicans Clubs, 1955–56. Chairman Young Republican National Federation, 1957–59, only unopposed candidate for that office in organization's history. Recipient of many awards and citations for leadership in area of working with youth.

Republican organization: Member of Licking County Republican Central Committee since 1954, having served as precinct committeeman in Johnstown, Ohio, since that time. Chairman, Licking County Republican Central Committee, 1956–60. Attended 1956, 1960, 1964, and 1968 Republican National Conventions as a deleagte or alternate, candidate in New Hampshire, Florida, and California primaries for President in 1972. Presently member of Ohio Republican State Central Committee for 17th District.

Elected office: Holds distinction of having defeated 3 Democrat incumbents in 10 years. In 1956, elected to Ohio General Assembly, defeating

incumbent Democrat legislator. In 1960, defeated Democrat Congressman in his first bid for national office. After redistricting in 1966, defeated another Democrat Congressman, a 20-year veteran, when the two were placed in the same district.

In 1956, he was the next to the youngest legislator in the Ohio General Assembly. When elected to Congress in 1960, of the 535 in the 87th Congress, only one Congressman was younger than Representative ASHBROOK.

Political organizations: He has been active in anti-Communism and conservative organizations. On steering committee of Committee of One Million Against the Admission of Red China. One of founders of draft Goldwater organization in 1963. One of founders of American Conservative Union in 1964 and has served as chairman (1966–71) and Director (1964-present). Active in Republican Regulars, composed of Congressmen of conservative, constitutional philosophy. Recognized national leader for conservative cause and as watchdog on House floor. Referred to by Washington Post as leader of a small band of fiscal conservatives who demands rollcalls on spending bills. One of founders of Young Americans for Freedom.

Conservative advocate: Has debated on hundreds of campuses, television panels, and forums as advocate of the conservative, free enterprise, anti-Communist position. Has debated most national figures such as William Kunstler, Hubert Humphrey, John Lindsay, and John Kenneth Galbraith.

Chairman of the American delegation of young political leaders to the Atlantic Youth Conference NATO, Paris, France, 1958. American representative at Asian People's Anti-Communist League (APACL) in Philippines, 1965. Chosen as one of the most respected conservative leaders in America in national poll in 1970, ranking in top 5 out of almost 100 prominent conservatives with Barry Goldwater, Ronald Reagan, John Tower, and Bill Buckley.

Selected as Man of Year in 1976 by Associated Builders and Contractors of the United States and as legislator of year (1976) by National Rifle Association. Has received top award in every Congress for his conservative, constitutional voting record by Americans for Constitutional Action. Recipient of a record number of "Bulldogs" because of his role as Watchdog of Treasury. Has served as member of American delegation to International Labor Organization (ILO) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Well, there are so many things that we could all talk about, the tremendous number of fine amendments that JOHN ASHBROOK was always prepared to offer to bills that gave us an opportunity, many of us on this floor, to vote for principles and ideas that otherwise we would not have the chance to bring up. JOHN was always willing to get up and take the time to craft an amendment that would bring an issue into better focus.

How do we, in a few minutes, say what we feel so deeply about this fine colleague. JOHN ASHBROOK's presence will be remembered in so many ways. He has set so many fine precedents, has given us so many fine hours in this House by which to remember him and to remember the deeds and the legislative ideas that he brought to this floor. We

obviously cannot forget him, although he obviously has parted for another place.

We say to his family, to Jean, and his children and his close friends and associates that we know are here, "Thank you for giving us such a fine public servant and for allowing us the privilege of serving with a man that really has expressed everything that is so American about this House and this country."

Mr. BRINKLEY. Mr. Speaker, JOHN ASHBROOK was our friend. More than a Republican, more than a Democrat, JOHN ASHBROOK was an American.

The gentleman preceding me, the gentleman from California, referred to Webster and his philosophy in his glowing words in a quote and I too, refer to Webster. I think the words fit JOHN ASHBROOK so very well, when Webster said, "Thank God I also am an American."

This was the man, JOHN ASHBROOK, and his philosophy was a philosophy of a conservative, to conserve the liberties of man and to limit the powers of government.

JOHN ASHBROOK, citizen.

In the House restaurant just beneath us there is a painting on the back wall which we have all seen. It was done by a man who immigrated to this country from the nation of Italy, whose name was Constantine Brumidi. Coming to this country because he was exiled for his political beliefs, he subscribes to the principles of liberty which he found here. Enormously proud of his country, he signed his paintings "C. Brumidi, artist, citizen of the U.S."

This is how JOHN ASHBROOK would have done were he an artist and he was in the sense of being an artist among us. So we shall remember him as JOHN ASHBROOK, artist, citizen of the United States.

Jonathan Swift, better than 250 years ago, writing in Gulliver's Travels, said that the man who can make two blades of grass grow where only one had grown before would do more essential service for his country than the entire race of politicians put together.

Well, JOHN ASHBROOK was something more than a politician. He was a statesman and JOHN ASHBROOK made two blades of grass grow.

We shall miss him. We grieve with his family and we thank the Congressman from Ohio for affording this opportunity to salute JOHN ASHBROOK, citizen.

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, the preceding speakers have spoken eloquently on the qualities that made us admire JOHN ASHBROOK

so much. I would like to endorse their comments and add a few of my own.

JOHN ASHBROOK was one of the men I admired and respected most in the Congress. As a freshman Member 3 years ago, I found that I could look to him for guidance and I found that his advice was outstanding in every respect.

JOHN recognized early that liberalism was a dying philosophy and more than once he contributed some telling blows. For years he served as a lightning rod for conservative causes. He did not win so many of those early battles but as history proved him and the other conservatives right, he won more frequently.

Perhaps what we will miss most about JOHN ASHBROOK was his ability to guide legislation through Congress. He frequently attached very important amendments onto bills that would have otherwise been harmful.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to miss JOHN ASHBROOK very much. He was an inspiration, a leader, and a very fine man.

Most of all, he was a patriot and a great, great American.

Mr. SEIBERLING. Mr. Speaker, it hardly seems possible that it was over 11 years since I first came to this body and met JOHN personally, although I had known him by reputation for years, since he was a fellow Ohioan and an outstanding legislator.

I suppose we probably voted on the opposite side of issues in this body at least as many times as we voted on the same side and if you looked at our ratings by liberal or conservative organizations, one of us would probably be at the top and the other at the bottom of that particular organization's ratings; and yet I found a real affinity for JOHN ASHBROOK, not only as a fellow human being and Member of this body, but as a really outstanding mind and a wonderful personality.

After I had been here for a couple years, JOHN said to me one day on the floor, "By the way, were you related to Fred Seiberling?"

I said, "Yes. He was my dad."

"My Lord," said JOHN "he was a dyed-in-the-wool Republican."

Well, I tried to think what was an appropriate response and I said, "Well, JOHN, all I can say is this. My dad was a Democrat with a small 'd' and I am a Republican with a small 'r' ".

Well, JOHN was a Republican with a capital "R", but he was also a Democrat with a small "d".

JOHN ASHBROOK had no pretense, no side, no pomposity.

He was a very likeable, gentlemanly, thoughtful, humane human being.

I did not agree with most of the amendments that he offered on bills here and he probably did not agree with a lot of mine; but whatever his disagreement, he was always courteous, always thoughtful, and he always had something worthwhile to say, whether you agreed with him or not, and I must say, I found myself at times in profound agreement with his objectives, even if I did not always agree with his ways of achieving them.

I think that is true of most of us who served in this body with JOHN ASHBROOK. We shared his profound commitment to America, his commitment to democracy, his commitment to our Republican form of government, his commitment to our free enterprise system, even as we might have disagreed with the specifics of the ways to implement those commitments.

JOHN ASHBROOK I think had one of the finest minds in this body. As has already been said, he had a very excellent sense of humor, a gentle sense of humor, though at times it could be biting in its implications.

He was really a truly great human being, and I think one of the most outstanding men it has been my privilege to serve with, even though he and I at times tilted on specific issues.

I want to say that he was a credit to our body, he was a credit to Ohio, and he was a credit to our great Nation.

I think I would like to also express my profound sympathy to his wife and family for their bereavement which indeed is a bereavement for all of us.

Mr. LUNGREN. Mr. Speaker, it is a privilege for me to join my colleagues in paying tribute to our friend, Congressman JOHN ASHBROOK, an outstanding citizen and Congressman. I know we are all still saddened and shocked to know of his untimely passing away on April 24.

In fact, it is hard for me to believe he is not going to be sitting there tomorrow going through his huge pile of papers, speed reading as he would, and then dumping them on the ground and grousing about something he read in the newspaper and pointing it out to us.

JOHN had become such an integral part of this institution that there is an absent feeling knowing we will not be able to serve with him any longer.

I will remember JOHN ASHBROOK most as a man of strong personal conviction. Regardless of the odds involved, JOHN worked tirelessly for what he believed was right. He fought for ideas not on the basis of their popularity or political expediency, but rather on the basis of their merit and principle. Whether JOHN had the support of 1 or 100 was unimportant. Because of the strong convictions in his heart, he never hesitated to speak out. JOHN once said: "I have a philosophy, viable or unviable, salable or unsalable, I know what I want to do * * *. I only persist in this because I believe in what I am doing. I'm not going to conform to what other people are doing just for the sake of conformity."

That is probably the best definition I have heard of courage of one's convictions. It is a far cry from what one newspaper described JOHN as in their summary of JOHN'S life, upon learning of his death. They called him the champion of lost causes. I do not think I could think of anything that was further from the mark of what JOHN stood for. He did what he did because he thought it was important and it was right. And, in fact, he was one of those who lived long enough to see views that were unpopular become popular, and become someone who was perhaps viewed as a political outsider, looked to as one of the leaders of the real movement of politics and government in this country.

It was this philosophy that led him to be such a driving force behind the conservative cause during his 22 years in the House of Representatives.

Because of his strong personal dedication to his convictions, JOHN was often the initiator of action. He was one of the founders of the draft Goldwater organization in 1963. After Goldwater suffered defeat in 1964, JOHN ASHBROOK did not accept that the conservative philosophy in politics had died, as many others at that time had begun to believe. Instead, JOHN helped found the American Conservative Union, serving also as its chairman and as its director. In addition, JOHN was one of the founders of the Young Americans for Freedom.

Other Members have talked about his strong work here in the Congress. I am not going to belabor that point.

JOHN ASHBROOK will be remembered as a most effective Congressman. His service as the ranking minority member of the Edu-

cation and Labor Committee and the Internal Security Committee, as well as on the Judiciary Committee and the Select Intelligence Committee will long be noted. He was an articulate and gifted speaker and an able debator. Of course, all Members admired his parliamentary skill and expertise.

The country has lost an outstanding citizen, the State of Ohio has lost an effective legislator, and the conservative cause has lost a powerful and respected voice. His inspiration, ideas, and friendship will be sorely missed. I am grateful for having had the privilege to work with him in this body and to serve with him on the Judiciary Committee.

I wish to express my regret and extend my sincere sympathy to his wife, three daughters, family, friends, and followers.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I was greatly saddened by the death of my close personal friend and colleague, the Representative JOHN ASHBROOK of Ohio.

Mr. ASHBROOK was admired by many who knew him, not so much for his conservative opinions, but for the fortitude and courage for which he upheld them. He carried this resolve all the way to the point of opposing Richard Nixon in the Republican primary for President of the United States in 1972.

I first met JOHN ASHBROOK when he was the president of the Young Republicans in 1959. We maintained close contact through the years. Upon coming to Congress, my respect for him greatly increased when observing his parliamentary maneuvers and tenaciousness on the House floor.

In addition to being my friend, Mr. ASHBROOK was my mentor during my freshman term. His leadership and patience as demonstrated on the House floor by rollcalls, points of order, and amendments were instrumental in protecting our freedom and saving taxpayers' dollars. We worked very closely together on fighting the reauthorization of the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). JOHN ASHBROOK had already fought this battle several times before. The logic of his position on this was demonstrated earlier this year when LEAA was terminated.

Mr. Speaker, the passing away of JOHN ASHBROOK will leave a void that can never be filled. I'm just happy that I was associated with him on both a personal and professional basis. His leadership

and courage will provide an inspiration to all who were touched by him. The departure of this man from the political scene marks the departure of a great American.

My wife Cheryl and I express our deepest sympathies to his wife Jean, to his daughters, and to his family. JOHN ASHBROOK will be missed by all.

Mr. McDONALD. Mr. Speaker, our esteemed colleague, the late JOHN ASHBROOK, came from a political background but was no typical politician. His father, Congressman William A. Ashbrook, served the same area of Ohio during the periods of 1907–21, and 1934–40.

His father was a gentleman with an honored career and distinguished himself as an anti-New Deal Democrat; our colleague, JOHN, distinguished himself as an antielitist Republican.

In 1972, when it was clearly evident that President Nixon had deserted so many of the values he had advocated in 1968, Congressman ASHBROOK was willing to offer himself for the Presidency as a matter of principle, not politics. Many of JOHN's friends quietly agreed with his concern and stand, but publicly these same friends were either silent or alined themselves with the Nixon 1972 bandwagon.

This incident in 1972 demonstrates the man and courage of JOHN ASHBROOK. The party loyalty or political thing to do was to "get along by going along." It would have been easy to remain silent and do nothing. Many of those who were disgusted with the Nixon international elitist cabinet and direction took the easy way out and did remain silent; JOHN ASHBROOK put his devotion to country and principle about loyalty to party and personal gain.

We do not know God's plan and sometimes it is impossible to understand why so bright a star must be removed from our midst. Perhaps such a dramatic loss is to remind all of us of our ultimate dependency upon Him and not ourselves.

There are some feelings that seem to be best expressed in poetry than the volumes of political rhetoric. While not wishing to present myself as a scholar of verse and rhyme, I remember certain appropriate lines from Rudyard Kipling's "If":

If you can keep your head when all about you are losing theirs and blaming
it on you,
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated, don't give way to hating
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;
If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much;
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

JOHN ASHBROOK was that unusual person who comes on life's stage rarely. There are pitifully few people of the wisdom, personal courage, deep honor, inner strength, sense of history and purpose of Congressman ASHBROOK. He had these rare qualities and amazingly had them interlaced with a warm and American sense of humor. Unfortunately, in my experience, people of the combination of such qualities are not the rule; to the contrary, they are the rare exception—even in this body.

Congressman ASHBROOK was that person of "If", and we were all the richer for having had him with us. To the extent that we can capture his talents with our memories, his wisdom may remain.

JOHN ASHBROOK, 1928–82, loving father and husband, dedicated American and Christian patriot.

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I do not know where we are going to get another JOHN ASHBROOK. I do not know where this body will, because they just do not make them like JOHN anymore. He was absolutely incapable of sham. He was incapable of posturing. He was incapable of saying something that he did not believe and that he did not mean. He had that rare quality of grace under pressure, which is Hemingway's definition of courage.

I do not think his sense of humor was all that pervasive, that he did not deeply feel and was not capable of being hurt.

His death was an unusual one because he was in the midst of a campaign, the most important campaign of his life. I think of what Thomas Hart Benton, I believe, said when John Quincy Adams fell over while sitting on the floor of this House back in I believe, 1848, and then died a couple of days later. He said, "Where else would you find him but at his post of duty?"

When you read the history of this body and read about Calhoun and Clay and Webster and Andrew Jackson and Davy Crockett and all the famous people that roamed these Halls, and the impact that they had on their day, you have to rank with them and at the head of them, in my judgment, a JOHN ASHBROOK. He was not as celebrated as they were in their time, nor today, because he was not in the spirit of the age. He was not a liberal or a moderate, as they euphemistically called themselves.

He was a conservative, one who believed in principles, believed in the Constitution. He was a fierce anti-Communist. He recognized that the struggle of this century is between the collectivist philosophy of atheistic communism, which sounds so anachronistic in this body, and the spirit of freedom as represented by the traditions and the culture of this country.

He was a religious man. He believed in prayer in schools. He did not think it was so wrong or such a violation of history or the Constitution to recognize the fatherhood of God. He understood more than most that you will not have the brotherhood of man unless you recognize the fatherhood of God, and he was willing to fight for it. He was not intimidated by any special interests in this country. He was a brave, courageous man, and his like will not walk around here again, at least not in my memory.

That whole area of this House will always have his presence there, and I will never look at it that I will not think of him. I know he is in a place of refreshment. I know he is in a place of light. I know he would be amused at the words we are uttering today, but it is little enough we have to do. We are so impotent and futile at his loss. We are certainly impoverished by losing one of his spirit, his intelligence, and his courage.

We have all been enriched, those of us who have known him, and we have learned from him. His family can be proud that he lived a useful life—a useful life. He contributed more than he got. He was able to draw the line between liberty and order. He understood freedom to his very core.

How proud you must be to be of his family, and how proud I am to have known him and to in some small way have been influenced by him.

JOHN, we need you now like we never needed you before, and I hope you will pray for us, because your prayers wil be heard.

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I did not know JOHN ASHBROOK as long or as well as many of my colleagues. But I did get to know him fairly well because of the work we did together on the Education and Labor Committee.

JOHN ASHBROOK knew that our Nation's schools helped shape the mind and character of our Nation's youth. He knew that the strength or weakness of our education system today would go far to determine the strength or weakness of our national wisdom and our national morality tomorrow.

As a strong and dedicated conservative, JOHN ASHBROOK was a friend of education. He knew the value of a well educated America. His presence on our committee will be deeply missed.

The 17th Congressional District of Ohio, the Buckeye State, and America as a whole has lost a good American. Our sympathies go out to his wife and family and to the people he represented in this body for 22 years.

Mr. ROBERTS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join my colleagues to pay my respects to JOHN ASHBROOK, a Member of this body, a recognized champion of the conservative cause, a man of principle, and a personal friend.

Mr. Speaker, my family shares in the sense of personal loss in JOHN's passing. My wife, Franki Roberts, was a member of JOHN's office staff here in Washington for several years.

There will be many words spoken and written regarding JOHN ASHBROOK's achievements. It will be said that he had an outstanding academic career and that he played a key role within the Young Republican National Federation in the 1950's. JOHN was a real pioneer within the Young Republican movement during that time and gained lifelong friends and admirers as a result of his leadership and experience.

It will be pointed out that he truly believed in the Republican Party as an instrument through which social and economic progress could be realized. He was a party man, but one whose conviction was to make sure the Republican Party remained true to principle, that it not stray from intended purpose and goal.

JOHN ASHBROOK, it will be said, was one of the youngest legislators ever elected to the Ohio General Assembly and to this body. It was his style to lead the charge with the zeal of youth and dedication to cause.

Men of ideas and letters will stress that JOHN ASHBROOK was also dedicated to individual freedom and a staunch opponent of communism. Thousands of people involved in freedom's cause worldwide will remember JOHN who joined and led the battles for men's minds and souls. Conversely, JOHN ASHBROOK was a staunch defender of the free enterprise system; receiving awards too numerous to mention here from business organizations, conservative groups, and from those who believe this country's best course will be determined by the guidelines set forth in the U.S. Constitution.

JOHN ASHBROOK was indeed all of these things. But, you know, Mr. Speaker, we all tend to define and judge our fellow man through our own eyes and personal experiences. And, in my case, there are two attributes I would like to mention.

First, with all of his fervor to cause and intent of purpose, JOHN ASHBROOK never took himself seriously, even when he felt it was incumbent to run for President of the United States. He was the kind of man, who in the midst of debate or discussion or the most serious in nature, never lost his sense of perspective and humor.

JOHN and I always shared the true story about the trials and many tribulations of a particular western entertainer of years past, and he would always close with the line, "Sure, he did all of those things, but he was a great American." That line was not meant to be presumptuous or lacking in respect. It was just JOHN's way of poking a little fun at all of us in public life who tend to take things and themselves too seriously. I will miss that line and I will miss his sense of humor.

I also remember the time, as a staff member to my predecessor, I asked JOHN to vote for a farm bill back in 1970. Now, you have to realize that when it came to legislation and votes, JOHN did take both very seriously. His will was like iron. After giving him the benefit of all the reasons why he should vote for the bill, he asked me one question, "Pat, is this the best farm bill we can pass?"

You see, in JOHN ASHBROOK's world of values, compromise and principle were like oil and water; they did not mix. With his question he answered my question. The farm bill passed that year. And, doubtlessly, if every Member of this body held each vote complete hostage

to unwavering personal principle, we would never get anything done. But, the point is we need men who will take a stand. Men who will choose conviction rather than comfort, perceived truth rather than accommodation.

In JOHN ASHBROOK, we found such a man. He was not for sale. He was honest with a steady conscience. He told the truth as he saw it and looked the world straight in the eye. He had courage without shouting it and he knew his message and told it. He knew his place and filled it. He did not lie, shirk, or dodge. He knew his business and attended to it. JOHN ASHBROOK, above all else, was a man who stood for principle.

Mr. Speaker, my family, like JOHN's many friends, his colleagues, and his family share and mourn his loss. We are better citizens of this great Nation for knowing him.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of my fellow Ohioan and colleague JOHN ASHBROOK has left a void in this Chamber that can never be filled. JOHN was a man that I deeply respected as a fellow Representative and as a fellow man. He never wavered in his belief in America. As a native and lifelong resident of Johnstown in Licking County, Ohio, he knew that the backbone of our country lay within the values that are typical of smalltown America, he fought for these values unwaveringly for 22 years in Congress. He would sacrifice nothing in order to do what he believed was right for not only his constituents but for the Nation as a whole. He was a keen student of Government who knew what had to be done and how to get it done. He was a man of courage and conviction, a man who was not afraid to stand alone to fight for a principle or for a cause he believed in.

JOHN's love and concern for his country drove him to be one of the most hard-working Members of Congress that has ever sat in this Chamber. His 22 years in Congress will serve as a lasting memorial to his hard work and dedication. His articulate and well prepared arguments added a special dimension to the House of Representatives that will be missed.

JOHN would have been a big success in any field he chose. We as Americans are most grateful he chose Congress and the body politic as his life's pursuit, that he chose to serve the people through the Government. His dedication, his principles, and his love for this

country and what it stands for made JOHN ASHBROOK a great Representative, a greater American, and a great man.

I join his constituents, the Nation, and his family in mourning his passing.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it was with a real sense of loss and shock that I learned of the untimely death of our good friend and colleague, the gentleman from Ohio, JOHN ASHBROOK.

JOHN ASHBROOK was an exemplary Member of this House. He assumed the responsibilities of his work, especially his work here on the floor of the House with the utmost seriousness and devotion. He participated frequently in debate, ever watchful over the matters that came before the Congress and diligently guarding the rights of the minority party. JOHN was an effective proponent of his point of view in committee, working constructively with Members on both sides of the aisle.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a staunch conservative. His political principles frequently brought him into lonely conflict with his colleagues and even brought him to the point of courageously challenging a sitting President of his own party for the nomination for the Presidency.

Although on occasion we differed on the merits of legislation, I considered JOHN a friend. As a more experienced and senior Member, he assisted me with numerous matters during my early service in the House.

JOHN ASHBROOK will be missed by Members from both sides of the aisle and of all points of view. He was honest, forthright, kind, intelligent—all in all, a valued colleague who will be sorely missed.

I join my colleagues in extending my deepest sympathies to Jean Ashbrook and their three daughters, and hope that they will be comforted by the fact that JOHN was so superb in his life's work—his devoted public service.

Mr. KRAMER. Mr. Speaker, although our colleague served more than a generation in this body, he was certainly a relatively young man in age and certainly a young man in spirit.

One of the things I thought about that came to mind during this special order here this afternoon was one of our colleagues remarked that he will look over at that corner over there and always think of JOHN ASHBROOK when he walks by or looks over there. I think that we can assume that although JOHN will physically be gone, his spirit

will remain in that corner as an inspiration to all of us every day that we are privileged to serve in this body.

Liberty was always a dear cause to JOHN ASHBROOK, and he recognized that maintaining a free society is an ongoing effort by good citizens, and he dedicated his life to that cause. He served in a number of positions of tribute where others recognized his accomplishments and what he could give to whatever effort he was involved in.

He was chairman of the Young Republicans on the national level. His first year in Congress he helped found the Young Americans for Freedom, a group that has continued since its founding to keep the debate for the cause of freedom well aired on our campuses and in our elections.

Recently he was the distinguished chairman of the American Conservative Union, a citizens' forum for freedom in our economy and more effective defense of peace and freedom through national strength. He was very active in the National Rifle Association. He gave his time, his money, and mostly his leadership to that effort, an effort involved in freedom and in maintaining the constitutional prerogatives which the Constitution affords to all citizens to keep and bear arms.

Something I did not know, unfortunately, and I think some of us do not take the time to learn enough about our colleagues until it is too late, or until at least we cannot really appreciate what we have until we no longer have it, and that is the case where one fact I learned was that JOHN received more votes than any other candidate for the board of directors of the National Rifle Association, which certainly to me and members of that organization recognized JOHN's leadership.

We all know that he loved America. He loved Ohio. But he had an active life that took him even beyond the borders of our country. Another fact that I did not know, he served with Adm. Richard Byrd on the last expedition to Antarctica in 1946.

He went on to Harvard, returned to his State to study and practice law, to work as a publisher. He went to the State legislature, and then he came here to Congress.

I have had the privilege of knowing him not only as a leader of brilliant debate and a brilliant spokesman on national issues of our time, but also because I served with him on the Education and Labor Committee in which he was the ranking member. He made contributions both to our committee system as this body relates, and also to the floor work to which this body relates.

JOHN ASHBROOK was truly a great man. I express my heartfelt sympathy and condolences to his family. He will be missed, and not only by them, but by all of us that served with him in this body, and by our country.

Mr. EDWARDS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I think we all miss JOHN. We are all going to have a heavy sadness in our hearts for JOHN, but I also feel a very great sadness for America at his loss.

Mr. Speaker, Members of Congress come and go. There have been a great many Members in and out of this Chamber just in the short time I have served in the Congress; yet there are some whose loss very much diminishes America, just as their presence very much has enriched America. JOHN ASHBROOK is one of those people.

I have felt sort of a strange kinship through the years with JOHN ASHBROOK long before I knew him. I am a native of Ohio, before I moved to Oklahoma. Most of my family is in Ohio. As I was visiting in Ohio, I would always hear about this very unique Member of the Ohio congressional delegation, who always stood up for what he believed in. That was JOHN ASHBROOK. And then I got active in politics, I went into the Young Republicans and into the national leadership of the Young Republicans, and one of the people who we were shown as one of our role models was JOHN ASHBROOK, who had been already a national chairman of the Young Republicans. I went over to the American Conservative Union as a director, and I am now privileged to be the chairman of that organization. I inherited a very strong organization that had been founded by JOHN ASHBROOK and of which he had served as its national chairman.

I came to the Congress. I was appointed to the Education and Labor Committee, where I found that JOHN ASHBROOK must have been one of the most effective, efficient, and most popular, most effective ranking member on any committee in the Congress. He provided great leadership to those of us who were new members on the committee looking for guidance. Then as I attempted to involve myself in activities on the floor, we all know that JOHN ASHBROOK had a special place on this House floor and that we had one great man there overseeing what was happening in this Chamber and protecting the Republic from his seat on the House floor.

I found that JOHN ASHBROOK did reflect, as so many people have said here today, a great reservoir of principle and of courage. But I think there is something that is even more important than that. JOHN ASHBROOK was a man of principle and courage, but, more than that,

JOHN ASHBROOK, as he stood for things so many of us find difficult. so many tough decisions where he never wavered, we also found that JOHN ASHBROOK managed to do it being one of the most popular Members of Congress and one of the most effective. I do not think that most people here realize that JOHN ASHBROOK ranked among the most effective Members of Congress in having his amendments adopted by the entire Congress from both sides of the aisle. He had a tremendous track record, if you just keep track of the percentages of his amendments that were adopted and became law.

The thing that I remember most about JOHN ASHBROOK is that he would sit in his usual place on the House floor, and for those of us who were younger Members, who were trying to contribute to the debate, and to have some voice in shaping public policy, JOHN ASHBROOK never lacked the time to give us guidance and to teach us, knowing perhaps that the time would come when he would move on from this place and others would be called on to try to fill his shoes. JOHN ASHBROOK was a great teacher.

America cannot stand to lose very many John Ashbrooks. But on the other hand, there are not very many John Ashbrooks.

Mr. BUTLER. Mr. Speaker, I want to be associated with all of the things that have been said about JOHN.

I was privileged to serve with JOHN on the Judiciary Committee. He was well respected there for his intelligence, his ability, his integrity, and his candor. He made a substantial contribution to our deliberations, always in good humor. I valued JOHN ASHBROOK's friendship. He will be long remembered and greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy is also extended to his family and friends.

Mr. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, JOHN ASHBROOK was my friend for 25 years, and we were colleagues for only 16 months. But whether as a friend or a colleague, I can certainly attest to the stalwart character of the man. He was a leader with boundless and unremitting faith in America and Americans, and he never, never wavered in his deep and fundamental belief in his conservative approach to the ideals that all Americans cherish.

Many very fine and well deserved things have been said about JOHN here today, and I want to associate myself with all of them. They are all true, and it would be hard to articulate them better than they have been. But I also want to express my thanks to JOHN's family and to his constituents for having shared JOHN with us, for having shared with us a man of principle, who was a great leader,

who will be greatly missed here. But certainly his spirit will remain with us and will always be welcomed, not only here, but wherever stout and great souls assemble.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, it is difficult to comprehend that our colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, has passed away.

JOHN ASHBROOK came to Congress in January 1961, as a young man with a great future in front of him. During his 21 years in Congress he steadily moved to the forefront and by 1978 had become the leading Republican figure in the House of Representatives on education and labor issues.

As the senior minority member on the Education and Labor Committee, JOHN was a leader and guiding light for those of us who served with him. I came to know and respect JOHN as a rugged individualist and a man of deep convictions. I was consistently impressed by the depth of his intellect and the openness of his mind. He took such a reasonable approach toward the issues before us and never failed to engage in honest discussion over differences of opinion—that is probably one reason he was such an effective leader.

As an articulate speaker and tireless worker, JOHN spent much of his legislative effort on education and child nutrition. He placed great emphasis upon our youth. Our Nation's schoolchildren owe much more to JOHN ASHBROOK than they will ever likely realize. I saw firsthand on the Education and Labor Committee the positive effect and impact of JOHN's efforts. I am proud to have been associated with him in many of those endeavors.

When I think of JOHN ASHBROOK outside of the committee context, I remember him as one of the best informed Members of Congress. When he spoke he had the facts at hand. He knew the issues. Politics can indeed be strange. The very thing many people criticized JOHN ASHBROOK for is precisely the reason he was reelected to Congress 11 times—that is, his independence. He thought about issues and he voted independently. That is what a true Representative should do.

When I think of JOHN ASHBROOK, the man, I recall the words of William F. Buckley, Jr., who once described JOHN as "among the world's most charming, intelligent, and natural men." I certainly will miss JOHN ASHBROOK's leadership but most of all I will miss his friendship. JOHN's voice may be silent but his impact will carry on in the lives of those who came to know and respect him.

My heartfelt condolences are extended to his family.

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, today we pay tribute to one of this Chamber's most articulate and respected Members, the late Honorable JOHN ASHBROOK.

As the newest Member of the Ohio congressional delegation, I had the privilege of serving with JOHN ASHBROOK for only a very short time. Although he was among the busiest people I have ever known with his congressional duties and a U.S. Senate campaign, he still made time to help me adjust to the rigors of congressional duty, and I appreciated his willingness to work with me.

I learned a tremendous amount from JOHN ASHBROOK, both before I came to Congress as I listened to him articulate the conservative causes he cherished so deeply and after I became a Member of this body. I deeply regret that our exposure to him was so brief.

JOHN ASHBROOK was without doubt one of the most respected conservative leaders in America today. He was proud to be called a conservative long before it became fashionable. In a national poll ranking prominent conservatives, he was selected among the country's top five, a listing which included Ronald Reagan, Barry Goldwater, and Bill Buckley.

People throughout Ohio and across this country knew JOHN ASHBROOK as a man dedicated to preserving freedom and liberty for all. His patriotism and deep belief in the greatness of America never wavered and his articulate and passionate calls for a return to old-fashioned American values earned him the respect of friends and foes alike. From State legislator to U.S. Congressman, he never wavered in his belief that America was, and would continue to be, the greatest country in history.

Despite the national acclaim afforded him, JOHN never outgrew or over stepped his roots. Born in Johnstown, Ohio, only 53 years ago, he was a familiar and frequent figure in his hometown and across the 17th Congressional District he so capably represented for 22 years. He took tremendous pride and interest in his community and his district, giving freely and frequently of his time and talents to bolster the causes of civic and social organizations.

Constantly aware of the need to keep in close touch with the views and concerns of those back home, he prided himself in never having spent a weekend in Washington throughout his entire congressional career.

Mr. Speaker, several counties currently encompassed in the 17th District represented by JOHN ASHBROOK will be joined with the Fourth District I currently represent. I can only pledge that I will

do my best to continue assuring those constituents the same high quality of representation they received from JOHN ASHBROOK, hopefully I might add on a personal note, with the kind of humor and good grace JOHN always presented.

Mr. Roberts of Kansas said, and I would like to point out that as well, JOHN took his job very seriously, but he never took himself too seriously, and that indeed was an indication of what kind of person he was.

One of his strongest assets was the fact that he could disagree without being disagreeable.

From my discussions with Members of this House who have known JOHN a lot longer on both sides of the aisle, and from various political persuasions, indicated to me that JOHN was not only one of the more effective Members of this House but clearly one of the most popular as well.

JOHN ASHBROOK will be sadly missed in this Chamber and by the American people as a whole. Fortunately for this Nation, however, his principles will live on as his legacy.

I want to join with my wife, Pat, and my colleagues here today and all Members of the House of Representatives and JOHN's many friends in Ohio in expressing our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Jean, and to his family on JOHN's passing.

Mr. ECKART. Mr. Speaker, who of us can forget JOHN ASHBROOK walking around with a newspaper tucked under his arm, as he was so famous for doing. Perhaps it was because of his many years as a newspaper editor. Perhaps it was because of his great thirst for knowledge and what was going on in the world. Perhaps he still thought he was editing all those newspapers from time to time in years gone by. But his background and training as a newspaper editor served him well here.

I remember my first encounter with my colleague from Ohio with fear and trembling as the baby Democrat on the Education and Labor Committee, I knew of my need to get an amendment adopted during the important budget considerations of last year, and I knew of my staff's advice to go check it out with the senior Republican.

Well, the senior Republican was JOHN ASHBROOK, a man who had served with distinction on that committee. And so with hat in hand and an amendment in my coat pocket I went up to JOHN's office and knocked on the door, got the time to see him, and went in

and tried to introduce myself but I found out that he knew more about me than I had ever thought about. And I started to explain my amendment to him, and he said, "Who is it for?" And I said, "Well, it is for Ohio State." Since we are both from Ohio I thought you would be interested in it. He said, "If it is good for our State and if it is good for Ohio State, then I think we all both better be for it."

My fear, my trembling immediately left me and I knew that here was a man who was genuinely concerned about what was taking place in our State.

Sitting on that committee with JOHN was indeed an education. As we sat and wrestled with very difficult issues, as my colleagues all remember, $12 billion in cuts came from that committee during the consideration of Gramm-Latta, and I think what few people recall, it was JOHN ASHBROOK who fashioned much of the language that went into the educational section of that budget.

My epitaph for him is an epitaph that I think would serve all of us well in politics.

When JOHN ASHBROOK came to the floor, or when he came to committee, he was prepared. When JOHN ASHBROOK worked, he worked hard. And when he spoke, he knew what he was talking about.

Those are the best words that I think we can say about any man after decades of public service, and that is the epitaph that is the benchmark by which I hope we all can be judged.

Mr. McEWEN. Mr. Speaker, the stage in a person's life between 19 and 25 is often referred to in psychology books as the mentor stage, in which young men and women have those to whom they look for advice and direction and after whom they choose to pattern their lives.

We see a great deal of activity on college campuses as young people choose a course of life for the first time that is individual to themselves.

As a student at the University of Miami at Coral Gables, Fla., in 1972, it was my privilege to serve as a volunteer in the "Ashbrook for President" campaign and Thursday evenings were a delightful time when I would go to the Miami International Airport and pick up JOHN ASHBROOK in order to engage in campaigning across the State of Florida as he attempted to win that State's primary for President in 1972.

As a college student, JOHN ASHBROOK possessed for me all of the attributes that I hoped to become. His dedication to principle, his humor, his kindness, his love for America, were an inspiration that I believe are unparalleled.

JOHN ASHBROOK was the definition of what I believe was a true American and what a true American should be.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a true patriot. He understood the global conflict in which freedom is engaged.

He was dedicated to America. He was dedicated to liberty. His truthfulness and his principles will live on beyond him and those who loved and admired him.

Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of personal loss that the Members of the Ohio delegation join our esteemed colleagues in noting the passing of JOHN ASHBROOK. Although I did not have the privilege of serving with Congressman ASHBROOK but a short time, I have known and respected him for many years.

When thinking of JOHN ASHBROOK, the words "integrity" and "conviction" first come to mind. As most in this Chamber are well aware, once JOHN ASHBROOK reviewed an issue and took a position, he stood by that decision no matter what others said. He never shirked his responsibility or skirted an issue.

JOHN ASHBROOK ably represented not only the residents of the 17th District of Ohio but was recognized as a leading national spokesman for the conservative cause. He long ago advocated many of the programs which are now being advanced by national leaders. He was truly a man of courage and foresight.

JOHN ASHBROOK spent over 30 years in service to his country. He served in the U.S. Navy and two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. These 30 years of service to his country exemplify his patriotism and commitment to his country.

Much can be learned about a man by the attitudes of those who work with and for him. He was respected by his colleagues and his loyal staff. The ideals of this great man will continue to influence the Nation for generations to come.

The 20th century American psychologist, Rollo May, once said: "The hallmark of courage in our age of conformity is the capacity to stand on one's convictions—not obstinately or defiantly, nor as a gesture of retaliation, but simply because these are what one believes." JOHN ASHBROOK will always be remembered as a man of conviction.

I wish to associate myself with the comments that have been shared by my colleagues.

Mr. SHAMANSKY. Mr. Speaker, I prefer to think of JOHN ASHBROOK in the only way I think I have truly encountered him, which was, namely, as a matter of fun.

Being on the other side of the aisle in the House, and on the other side of views politically from JOHN, you never confused a political view that he held, and held very deeply, with his personal charm and innate gaiety.

I often remember also the seriousness with which he took his views, and I went up and told his friend, Hugh Wait, our mutual friend, one time, after JOHN ASHBROOK had chosen to run against Richard Nixon, I believe in 1972, and I said about JOHN, I said "Any man who can run against Richard Nixon can't be all bad," which meant to me that JOHN really did care about his views. The easy political thing to do in 1972 was to go along with Nixon and JOHN simply could not do that, which was a measure for me of the seriousness of purpose and I think it was almost prescience maybe that JOHN saw something in that particular Presidency which maybe most of the rest of us simply did not.

I cannot help but think the last time that Jean and JOHN and I were together at a very pleasant evening in Columbus at the Players Theater. Again, I think the significant thing is that JOHN, as far as I could tell, certainly never toward me, would ever inject any ideological matters or political considerations in the interpersonal relationships. It was always good to encounter him, because you never hesitated to talk. He was direct and accessible and always courteous, certainly in my experience, and I have never heard anyone suggest anything other than that.

For those of us who have been around central Ohio for some decades now, it seems as if a part of the firmament has gone, but I do not really think so, because with any luck at all we will have a third Ashbrook soon serving in the House of Representatives.

My sympathies go to the family.

Mr. WYLIE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to say something about JOHN ASHBROOK in a little different vein.

My first remembrance of JOHN ASHBROOK was when I came to Washington in 1939 as a graduating senior from Pataskala High School. Each of the 16 high schools in Licking County selected its so-called best citizen for an all-expense-paid, 8-day trip to our Na-

tion's Capital. I was fortunate enough to be selected from Pataskala High School. We really crammed a lot into our trip, including a visit with our Congressman, William Ashbrook, JOHN's father. I mentioned to Congressman Bill Ashbrook having played basketball against his son JOHN whereupon he brought out a picture of his family which, of course, included JOHN. JOHN's father was a Democrat who supported President Franklin Roosevelt. My father was a Republican who could never bring himself to vote for President Roosevelt but thought Congressman Bill Ashbrook was all right and voted for him. That is what he told me when I came home and said that I had met Congressman Ashbrook. My mother said she always liked Congressman Bill Ashbrook, but then she was a Democrat. She was a Democrat that is until I entered politics in 1948. Then she saw the light and switched.

But just as JOHN's dad attracted votes from members of the other party, so did JOHN. I would recall a couple of reflections about JOHN.

Shortly after I was elected to Congress, I was on a plane to Washington seated next to Congressman Sam Devine. JOHN ASHBROOK spotted us as he got on the plane and said, "There's a couple of big spenders." As the plane landed, JOHN said to everyone in hearing distance, "Lucked out again." These were scenes to be repeated many times, and they always brought a laugh.

JOHN was an insatiable reader of newspapers. He would frequently come on the plane or to the House floor with a stack of newspapers under his arm. When he finished reading them, he would leave them there—which caused Congressman Frank Thompson to refer to him as "Trashbrook."

These episodes reflect a humorous side to this intense person who was so conservative in his political philosophy.

JOHN was an absolutely tireless worker who could have been expected to make a real run for the Senate. The Nation will be denied a classic confrontation between a committed liberal and a dedicated conservative. JOHN always expected me to vote with him but never dwelled on it if I did not. One thing could be said for JOHN ASHBROOK: You always knew where he stood, honest and frank, and that is what endeared him to his constituents.

This was evident at JOHN's funeral. Never have I seen such an outpouring of affection and sorrow as I did in Johnstown, JOHN's hometown. My wife Marjorie commented as we approached Johnstown about the display of flags in each yard and how proud JOHN

would have been. The outpouring of people at JOHN's funeral was testimony to the esteem in which he was held.

A secret service agent who had come to Johnstown the night before said to me: "This town is really bent out of shape over Congressman ASHBROOK's death."

JOHN was a good friend who will be missed.

Marjorie and I extend to his wife Jean, his mother, and his family our condolences and deepest sympathy.

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, you know, there is an old joke around the Congress here about the Congressman who was introduced at a dinner as a great, great American, and he is impressed by that and as he is leaving the dinner that night, he turns to his wife and says, "I wonder how many great, great, great Americans there really are?"

And she says, "Well, one less than you think."

Well, in this case we have lost somebody, though, who really fits into the category. He truly was somebody who was recognized across this country as a great, great American. He stood for principles time and time again; stood for principle at times when it was not popular to do so, stood for principle at times when in this House people from all sides of the aisle, from his own side and from other sides, were saying, you know, this is a fight that should not be made, and yet JOHN knew all the time that the fights that he was engaged in were things that he had to do personally, but because he did them the Nation benefited.

I think it is important to recognize that he, day after day, followed legislation here on the floor and often engaged in causes that he probably did not even come to the floor recognizing were going to be raised on that particular day; but because he was here he felt it was something that he needed to say and he needed to engage in because the issue had been raised and there was a point of principle involved.

We are going to miss him around here. I do not think that we realized how much until this tragedy struck.

We had reluctantly decided to accede to his wishes to move on to the upper body, knowing that that was going to leave a void here; but this tragedy tells us just how much of a void has been left, because in the time since he has not been here, some of the fights that have been on this floor have been the kinds of thing that JOHN ASHBROOK would have been there continuing to speak out on courageously.

I join with the gentleman from Ohio in wishing his family a note of sympathy.

Mr. DORNAN of California. Mr. Speaker, I was utterly stunned and overcome with heavy sadness to learn of the untimely death of my dear friend and colleague from Ohio, JOHN ASHBROOK. After 21 energetic years in the Halls of Congress, who can believe that his dynamic presence will no longer be felt among us? We have all been immeasurably impoverished with his passing.

I have had the privilege of knowing JOHN since 1976 when I was first elected to serve in the House. By then, he already had 16 years of distinguished service behind him with an untarnished track record as a champion of conservative principles. As a freshman Congressman, I could not help but be struck by JOHN's indefatigable energy, his mastery of parliamentary procedure, his eloquence and persuasiveness as an orator, his understanding of the issues, and, above all, his faithful and unflagging adherence to conservative principles. Freshman Congressmen instinctively look to someone as a source of inspiration and JOHN ASHBROOK was the proverbial right man in the right place at the right time.

I am particularly honored to be associated with JOHN in the passage of the Ashbrook-Dornan amendments to the Treasury, Postal Services appropriations bill. The amendments prohibited the implementation of proposed regulations by the Internal Revenue Service which would have required the adoption of racial quotas for private schools and which assumed that private schools were guilty of racial discrimination until they proved themselves innocent. The proposed IRS regulations would have revoked the tax-exempt status of private schools—the very lifeblood of these schools. The overwhelming vote in favor of the Ashbrook-Dornan amendments was an unprecedented measure to protect the excellent private schools of this land from the social engineering experiments of unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats and judges.

Mr. Speaker, for over 20 years JOHN ASHBROOK poured out his heart and soul in the public arena for the good of this Republic. He gave to America more than he took from it. How many of us can say the same? I fear that we may not see the likes of him again.

Goodby, JOHN. May you rest in the peace of Christ.

I also want to compliment all the Members from Ohio for affording this opportunity for all of us who loved JOHN so much to say a few words.

Mr. Speaker, my first memory of JOHN ASHBROOK is in his freshman year, reading some of the conservative publications and learning about this young firebrand that had come to the Congress against such tremendous odds to completely reverse the course of American history.

In the eloquent words spoken at his funeral by Victor Lasky, I think no truer words were spoken than that JOHN ASHBROOK was a Reaganite a decade before Ronald Reagan.

I think that the moment of his death will remain a terrible pain to all of us who loved him in this Chamber.

I remember exactly where I was driving when I heard it and I could not believe my ears when I first caught the tail end of the name ASHBROOK. I thought they were going to be announcing some exciting development in his Senate race.

I knew how well he was the front runner because we talked about the race only a few days before in the cloakroom. And when I heard that it was his death that the commentators were talking about, I could not stand listening to the following story, an ugly little war building up in the South Atlantic, so I turned the dial and I hit a music station, and they were playing one of the most beautiful themes in recent memory of a motion picture, "Chariots of Fire."

I remember thinking that JOHN would have made an incredible missionary. The odds of missionaries in the last century and in this, millions against one or two people, were the kind of odds that he liked to take on. In that film, "Chariots of Fire," one of the two leading protagonists says of his running skill preceding his trip and his entire life's work in China: "God made me to go to China. He also made me fast. And when I run, I feel his pleasure."

God made JOHN to serve his country, and he made him fast on his feet, he made him fast as a legislator, and he made him fast as a communicator. I think when JOHN spoke on this House floor, he gave his fellow Members on both sides of the aisle pleasure. He also gave God pleasure.

I had a television show in Los Angeles in 1972. When I asked my producer to book young JOHN ASHBROOK, 43 years of age, on the program. I was well aware that no man other than John F. Kennedy at age 43 had been sworn in as President, no man other than Teddy Roosevelt had ever assumed that office, Teddy by assassination at age 42. And I thought, "What is this young Congressman on this quixotic journey trying to accomplish?" No Congressman had ever gone to

the Presidency since James A. Garfield, and he paid with his life. When JOHN ASHBROOK walked into the studio, and it was the first time I had met him in the flesh, I saw exactly what his quest was all about. And within less than a month after that exciting guesting, I cast my vote in California for JOHN ASHBROOK, and it is one of the proudest votes I have ever cast for the Presidency, because our party that very month of the California primary of 1972 fell upon bad times, the only scandal to ever rip a President from office by resignation. Without meaning to say anything unkind about anyone involved in those troubles, it has always been very easy for me as a Republican to separate myself from that period because I proclaimed many times over the last decade, and still will, that in June of 1972 I voted for JOHN ASHBROOK for President of the United States.

JOHN's presence was commanding in the very center of this House. He liked to look right up the gun barrel at this dynamic Speaker that sits in that chair over the last 5 years. But JOHN's presence in the cloakroom was also commanding.

When I came back here 5 years ago, planning on changing things within months, if not minutes, I could always look up from the lectern down there when I probably got carried away and see a big smile on JOHN ASHBROOK's face.

Twenty-one years is a very long time to serve your country in this Chamber or in the other body. There are very, very few men who have had that honor.

I am convinced that if JOHN ASHBROOK had been serving the American people in his 16th year of 21 years of service in 1776 instead of 1976, if he had been around during that year that gave birth to our country, we would be talking about him in the schoolrooms of America for over two centuries as one of the Founding Fathers of our country. He truly was of the caliber of James Madison, the father of our Constitution; James Monroe, Thomas Jefferson, of all those men who wrote our early documents.

My memories of our conferences creating the Ashbrook-Dorman amendments to protect decent Christian education in tiny little schools from the IRS' heavy handedness and encroachment upon their rights will be among the only victories that I have had in this Chamber in the 6 years that I will have spent here, because for me, this year is up or out.

The name JOHN ASHBROOK has the ring of an American patriot about it, and I know, being a man of the temporal world, of the secular world, that he would be embarrassed by religious compari-

sons, although I have stood here for many friends, from Bill Ketchum in my first term to another great Ohioan, a decent man of God, Teddy Guyer, just last year.

The words of Saint Paul have not come to mind so vividly as they have with JOHN. As with the end of that great man of God, this excellent American and lover of liberty, the same words apply to JOHN ASHBROOK as applied to Paul of Tarsus. He has run the course, he has fought the good fight, he has kept the faith.

I would just close by mentioning how often JOHN ASHBROOK discussed with me any breakthroughs on Americans who might still be suffering in some lonely, rotten jungle dungeon in Indochina. There was not one problem involving Americans in the whole breadth of this world with which JOHN ASHBROOK did not intimately and with great empathy, concern himself.

Mr. WEBER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased that we have this opportunity today to remember the life of our colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK.

Two weeks ago I was part of the delegation from this House that traveled to the home of JOHN ASHBROOK at Johnstown, Ohio, for his last rites. The ceremonies were a fitting tribute to one who served his country and his constituents with distinction and honor for 22 years in Congress.

I am sure that there were not dry eyes and no throats that were not choked with emotion at those services.

I did not know JOHN ASHBROOK particularly well. I met him for the first time about 2 years ago. He was a cheerful person. He was a skilled political warrior, a man of conviction. He never allowed his disagreement with a person to prevent him from displaying his friendly manner.

He was a big help to me in so many ways, both with his sound advice here in the House, but also with his willing presence at several events during my first campaign 2 years ago.

All of us feel great sadness for JOHN's wife, Jean, and his children, and other members of his family. To them his life is irreplaceable.

The thing which made the services in Johnstown so special for me was to see the way in which the people whom JOHN served in that little town and across the State of Ohio, the way in which they had gathered together in Johnstown to pay tribute to JOHN and to honor the ideals for which he stood. I can still see the 1,000 or more people who stood outside the church during the funeral services, the caravan

of cars stretching from the town all the way out to the gravesite. Every home seemed to be flying the American flag, and bystanders stood all along the route. On that day, Johnstown was truly "JOHN's town."

On that day, the people of Johnstown and others from throughout the State and elsewhere who knew JOHN, put away what they were doing. They stopped their lives to show respect to one who had served them faithfully, and to give respect again to those qualities which were embodied in the life of JOHN ASHBROOK. Just as we did 2 weeks ago in Johnstown, today we pay tribute to JOHN ASHBROOK and the values for which he stood; among which are honor, duty to country, courage to stand by your beliefs, and uncompromising allegiance to your political principles. None can live those values in quite the way that JOHN ASHBROOK did.

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I join with the many friends of JOHN ASHBROOK in paying tribute to our former colleague. I was shocked and saddened when the announcement of JOHN's death was made on the Saturday evening news a few weeks ago.

JOHN was one of the hardest working Members of the House and a dedicated American. It was typical of him to have launched a campaign for a seat in the Senate after serving over 20 years in the House, running hard, and working hard to serve the public.

JOHN's staunch defense of the principles which he held dear, was based upon a genuine concern to preserve the freedoms upon which our Nation was built.

He worked diligently in committee and on the House floor for the preservation of individual liberty.

JOHN's untiring efforts on behalf of his constituents and democratic principles were generously made—not for self-aggrandizement—but for the good of the country.

He will be missed by those who knew and worked with him during his distinguished career in the Congress. Mrs. Rhodes joins me in extending heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Ashbrook and JOHN's daughters.

Mr. KEMP. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing away of JOHN ASHBROOK is a heartbreaking event. It is a devastating blow for those of us who knew him and enjoyed his friendship and for the people of Ohio whom he so ably represented. And it is a tragedy for all the American people. JOHN ASHBROOK was a tireless defender of the values and principles that this Nation cherishes. I cannot think of another Member who battled for them with greater purpose and commitment.

A friend of JOHN's recently described him as a "quixotic" hero because of his willingness to struggle against seemingly irreversible odds. Those of us who followed JOHN's career know that he possessed a trait that is much too rare in this town: he stuck to his principles at all times, regardless of political costs. He was a stalwart Republican and party activist at a time when the party was in greatest disarray. It is easy to be loyal to a winner, but only the truly committed stand by in times of defeat and disfavor.

I was surprised recently to read that the Almanac of American Politics makes this statement: "ASHBROOK's political career is almost a catalog of lost causes."

The only true word in that sentence is "almost." Most of the causes JOHN fought for have come to fruition; and those that have not are among the highest items on the national agenda. This is no accident. It is precisely because principled men like JOHN ASHBROOK were willing to endure years of political isolation while they called for badly needed reforms. Now the reforms are here.

Day after day, year after year, JOHN ASHBROOK stood on the floor of the House inveighing against the excessive growth of Government, the rising tax burden, the soaring inflation, the economic stagnation, and the decay of family values. At the time, his may have been a voice in the wilderness. But gradually it was heard. He once said, "I do not mean to sound like a broken record," but the apology was completely unnecessary. It was precisely his willingness to defend his principles again and again that helped turn the tide in this country.

It was hard work. As JOHN said, "It has been my weekly chore to point out what the liberals have been doing." He did it for 20 years, and finally it sank in. His lost causes became winning themes. His career was testimony to Richard Weaver's observation that ideas have consequences.

JOHN had often supported the idea of tax indexing and reduced tax rates. Both have been enacted. He advocated ventilating the regulatory system to give the private sector more breathing space. That is now being done. He criticized the tyranny of the courts, which were slowly changing the landscape of American values against the wishes of the people. That problem is now being addressed. He advocated a strong foreign policy, one that rewarded our friends and penalized our enemies. After years of appeasement and vacillation, we are finally moving in that direction.

Frankly, if the causes JOHN ASHBROOK fought for really were lost, then this whole Nation would be lost. They aren't. In fact, they are the only causes that offer a positive response to what has gone before them. JOHN understood as well as any of us the task that lies ahead of us in repairing two decades of misguided policy. As he said: "They have been wrong, but they built a tower of Babel on these false foundations. To us comes the challenge to build anew, on the old free enterprise foundations which made this the greatest country in the world."

Of all the Members of Congress, JOHN ASHBROOK had a uniquely clear perception of the contradictions of American liberalism. At every pass he exposed its implicit coercion, its meek acceptance of an end to economic growth, its quiet abandonment of any value systems. And JOHN continually took his case to the people, amassing enormous popularity at home. At a time when our economic program is under attack from those who would rather have such threadbare approaches as incomes policy and a "Reconstruction Finance Corporation,"—not to mention higher taxes—JOHN ASHBROOK's lucid mind and strong voice will be sorely missed.

Conservatism is traditionally associated with the past and with resistance to change. But JOHN ASHBROOK was a conservative of the future. It was the liberal vision, he felt, that was resistant to change, that accepted too calmly the decline of American economic and military power. After listening to an address by President Carter, calling for a new foundation which paradoxically consisted of wornout ideas, JOHN ASHBROOK said this: "Our old foundation built by the genius of Washingtons, Jeffersons, and Franklins, is the finest any nation has ever been blessed with. That foundation, which encourages individuals rather than government to blaze new trails and to make their own fair deals is the basis upon which we must build in the future."

JOHN ASHBROOK, cut off in the prime of his life, will not be with us to see that future attained. But without his efforts we might not have had such a future. In fact, we might have had no future at all. The Kemp family expresses our love and prayers for the Ashbrook family in the days and years ahead.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege of working with JOHN ASHBROOK on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence for almost 5 years. His appointment as an original member of that committee was a testament not only to his advocacy of the need for the United States to possess a strong intelligence collection system,

but to his well-deserved reputation for hard work as well. From the outset, JOHN ASHBROOK was an extremely vigorous member of the committee. He devoted a great deal of his energy to exposing the efforts of the Soviet and Soviet bloc intelligence services to collect information and influence events in the United States. He was a champion of the FBI's efforts to counter terrorism and foreign espionage activities, and his articulate support for increasing the manpower of the FBI to meet these threats played an important role in the committee's decision to support such increases.

JOHN ASHBROOK never tired of struggling for those issues he saw as important. He mounted a pivotal campaign to amend the so-called names of agents bill on the House floor, an effort which led to victory for his position. In this, as in so many other issues, he took the lead, undeterred by the odds. His spirit was that of a fighter who would not give up. Nonetheless, I never knew him to be other than gracious and generous, whether in victory or defeat.

Mr. Speaker, JOHN ASHBROOK believed in America. He studied its history and he cared about its future. He knew that this Nation needs a strong defense, but he also knew that our young people need a good education. He was never afraid to speak out in furtherance of these beliefs and when he spoke, the Members of the House listened because they knew—whether they agreed with him or not—that he spoke from conviction. His ability as a legislator will be missed by his colleagues in this House and by the people of the 17th District of Ohio, who he served so well. I want to extend to his wife, Jean, and to his children my deepest sympathies and condolences. Their loss is shared by all of us.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our distinguished colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, leaves a void in this House that will be very difficult to fill.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a man of high principle. He was never reluctant to speak out on issues that were important to him. Whether he was advocating the rights of the unborn, the handicapped, the elderly or overregulated private citizens, JOHN ASHBROOK was articulate and persuasive.

I had the pleasure of meeting JOHN ASHBROOK on the day I was sworn in as a Member of this House. Several friends of mine, who had known JOHN through their mutual involvement in the Young Republican National Federation, proudly introduced me to their longtime friend. Having since had the opportunity to work with this giant

of a man, I can appreciate my friends' affection for JOHN. Like them, I am proud that I have had the opportunity to share his friendship.

Mr. Speaker, in his tribute to Congressman JOHN ASHBROOK, President Reagan praised him as a man of courage and principle who "served his constituents and his country with dedication and devotion, always working toward the betterment of his fellow man."

"His patriotism and deep belief in the greatness of America never wavered, and his articulate and passionate calls for a return to old-fashioned American values earned him the respect of all who knew him," the President said.

The people of Ohio, and indeed the entire Nation, received the benefits of 21 years of distinguished congressional service from JOHN ASHBROOK. He also served with distinction in the Ohio Legislature and the U.S. Navy.

JOHN was a gifted writer, a skilled operator, an outstanding organizer, and above all, a man of conscience.

He will be sorely missed and long remembered. We are fortunate to have had the chance to serve with him and we have been enriched by his shining example.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to send my condolences on the passing of my friend and colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, to his family and constituents.

Mr. Speaker, for 22 years, Congressman ASHBROOK faithfully served the people of the 17th Congressional District of Ohio in Congress. In every bill he introduced and issue he commented on, JOHN always followed the dictates of his conscience in attempting to do what was best for the residents of the Johnstown, Ohio area, and the constituency he represented across the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, when I was first elected to this Congress in 1968, I served with Congressman ASHBROOK on the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Education and Labor Committee.

JOHN and I were miles apart both philosophically and ideologically and on both committees he and I frequently debated the issues. Also, over the years, we opposed one another in debate on the floor. JOHN was not afraid to take an unpopular position. He was a very principled man and always stood up and spoke out on an issue without fear. He also had the ability to disagree with you without being disagreeable. In fact, he was always a gentleman whether he was arguing forcibly for his point of view in debate or whether he was passing by you in the corridor. His greeting to me was always, "Hi Louie."

So, while I did not agree with JOHN in his philosophy or his ideology, I respected him both for having the courage to stand up for what he believed in and for his sharp legal mind.

JOHN ASHBROOK became an important and highly respected leader in the Johnstown area. Similarly, he became the ranking Republican on the House Education and Labor Committee and a high ranking member of the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Speaker, with the sudden passing of JOHN ASHBROOK, the Congress has lost a sincere and dedicated voice of principle. In an institution which melds diverse points of view from every persuasion and perspective, this institution has lost a respected advocate.

Mr. PEYSER. Mr. Speaker, Representative JOHN ASHBROOK, had ably served in the House of Representatives since 1960.

I have had the privilege of serving with JOHN on the House Education and Labor Committee since 1971. I truly believe that he was one of the brightest and fairest people that I have met in my years in the Congress.

He will be truly missed by his colleagues on the committee and in the Congress.

Mr. ROBERTS of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, this House finds itself without a conservative leader and spokesman with the sad death of Representative JOHN ASHBROOK. It was JOHN ASHBROOK who fought those lonely fights for our heritage during his 20 years and whose leadership we will miss.

Recently, I was asked to comment on America's meaning to me. It is a common question for us who are fortunate enough to serve in public office to have to answer. My answer was that our country's opportunities—for individuals and for our whole society—are at the heart of her meaning. To JOHN ASHBROOK, America is a set of values to be cherished and enjoyed with great care. While others screamed for the system to be torn down, while others demanded that education be used as a revolutionary tool to remake society, while bosses of big labor unions sought special favors and powers, JOHN ASHBROOK remembered the American heritage and firmly said "no."

Building on the foundation of men like H. R. Gross, JOHN ASHBROOK carried the battle to those who would undermine or cheapen our values. This meant that, in 1972, JOHN ASHBROOK challenged President Nixon for the Presidency. Did he want to be President? Probably not. But the great promise of the 1968 election had been

largely squandered by the winner by 1972. The left offered its candidate, a Senator from my own State. But JOHN ASHBROOK felt it was more important to be an oracle than to place his political party above principle. This demonstrated clearly his courage under fire, regardless of the costs.

That same commitment to values made JOHN ASHBROOK a leader on the Education and Labor Committee when it came to blatant power grabs by special interests and greedy union leaders. It extended to his service on the Judiciary Committee in the areas of crime control and protection of our system through a legal system that did not bend with every wind.

JOHN's final battle was against another formidable opponent whose liberal record made him anathema. Had the Senate campaign been carried to conclusion, the people of Ohio would have certainly seen the choice in JOHN ASHBROOK, not the echo of past failed policies. But JOHN was taken from us—fighting for principle to the end.

I join my colleagues in mourning JOHN ASHBROOK. Beyond my regret at his passing and my sympathy for his family, I would say as a personal note that I do wish I had had more time to serve with him in this House that we both revere.

Mr. ERDAHL. Mr. Speaker, JOHN had a very long and distinguished career in the House of Representatives. It has been my good fortune to have known him, however, for just these past two Congresses after being elected in 1978. As the ranking minority member on the Education and Labor Committee, he was always willing to listen to me, a junior member of his committee, and to cooperate in every way possible on business coming before our committee. Interestingly enough, he became ranking minority member when my predecessor, Al Quie, was elected Governor of Minnesota and I was elected to Congress from Minnesota's First District. I know that Governor Quie is also saddened by the news of our colleague's passing.

Our late colleague will long be remembered for the firm stands he took in committee and in the House of Representatives on those issues where he held deep convictions. He was very articulate and persuasive in debate. One of the great conservative voices has been silenced, but his influence will be felt for years to come.

My heartfelt condolences are extended to his family.

Mr. WINN. Mr. Speaker, the conservative cause in our country was dealt a cruel blow with the untimely death of one of its acknowledged leaders, JOHN ASHBROOK.

JOHN represented the 17th District of Ohio from 1961 until the date of his death, at which time he was campaigning to provide further service to his fellow Ohioans in the U.S. Senate.

JOHN, a Navy veteran, and son of a Member of Congress from the same central area of Ohio, was a former chairman of the Young Republican Federation, a practicing attorney, and publisher of four weekly newspapers in his home State.

He was a conservative who was a staunch supporter of States rights and other conservative causes, and was the founder and first chairman of the American Conservative Union. He was not afraid to raise his voice in support of his views, when they were not as popular as they are today. Those of us on both sides of the aisle respected him, and the manner in which he pursued his conservative beliefs. He was an honest and honorable man and his voice will be missed.

I would join his many friends and colleagues in extending my heartfelt sympathy to his wife Jean, and their three daughters.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, writing in the New Republic on February 6, 1956, John P. Roche observed:

> In a healthy democracy the majority and the nonconformist depend upon each other, and each supplies a vital component to the whole. Stability is provided by the majority, while vitality flows from the nonconformist. Consequently, the democrat protects the right of the nonconformist not merely as an act of decency, but more significantly as an imperative for himself and the whole society.

Mr. Roche had no way of knowing that he was describing a brilliant political career which would begin later that year when a newspaper publisher from Johnstown was elected to the 101st Ohio General Assembly. If ever vitality flowed from nonconformity, it did so in the life of our beloved late colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK.

That Mr. Roche's musings appear within the covers of National Review rather than the New Republic these days suggests that for much of his career JOHN ASHBROOK was indeed ahead of his time.

Thomas Paine once warned us that "moderation in temper is always a virtue; but moderation in principle is always a vice."

It seems to me that JOHN was the embodiment of both moderation in temper and devotion to principle.

His self-effacing, gentle manner stood in marked contrast to the single-minded devotion with which he fought for what he believed was best for his country.

Whether challenging a President of his own party or offering the carefully crafted amendments for which he became so well known, JOHN always chose principle over expedience.

JOHN's support for what he believed was right went beyond the easy stereotypical perceptions of liberalism or conservatism. Perhaps his colleagues on the Education and Labor Committee saw more of a side of JOHN too few people had a chance to see. I remember his support of a bill to allow interns and residents in hospitals to form unions and of another to revamp Federal aid to education, a bill which many said would add more than $1 billion a year in new spending.

His adherence to conservative principles, his leadership and single-minded attention to Republican and conservative principles were unquestioned.

It is hardly possible to believe that such a vibrant life has been cut so short. Many were convinced that JOHN ASHBROOK was likely to become the next Senator from the State of Ohio. Almost no one, including his supporters and his critics, doubted that this outstanding Representative in Congress would have given a great deal in service in the other body.

His untimely departure is a loss to the people of Ohio, to the Congress of the United States, and, indeed, to the American people. For JOHN's wife, Jean, and his three daughters, Joyce and I offer our prayers and our deepest sympathy.

Mr. PHILIP M. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, several years ago at a Republican Lincoln Day dinner in his district JOHN ASHBROOK introduced me by saying: "Some people go to Washington because it is a job; others go because there is a job to be done."

Naturally, I was flattered by the fact JOHN put me in the latter catgeory. But the truth is, no one in the Congress was more committed to getting the job done of reducing the size of Government, reducing Government spending, reducing Government redtape and regulations, reducing taxes, and restoring military supremacy than JOHN ASHBROOK.

I first met JOHN ASHBROOK personally at a meeting in Washington, D.C., on the heels of the Goldwater defeat. That meeting resulted in the creation of the American Conservative Union. I served on the board of directors all the years that JOHN was chairman. Before entering politics myself, I was struck with JOHN's quiet, good-humored strength and courage in leading what were often—in those days—

quixotic battles in behalf of what were right principles, but battles that had to cause JOHN political problems.

JOHN never bothered to calculate the political consequences of his actions; he did what he believed to be right. In this, he was an inspiration to all Americans who knew or worked with him. Moreover, JOHN always kept the debate above the level of personalities. I never saw rancor or ad hominem fallacies when JOHN presented his case. He respected adversaries as individuals, particularly those who held principled views as passionately as he did, but who were ideologically in disagreement with him. As a man governed by a set of ideals and values that were consistent with personal liberty, free enterprise, limited constitutional government, and a strong national defense, JOHN could always join battle with those who disagreed with him, but his arguments focused on the issues and he did not challenge opponents' sincerity and equal conviction that they were right. Thus, he was on friendly terms even with his most ardent political foes.

Another endearing quality JOHN possessed was loyalty. He was not a fair-weather friend anymore than he was a sunshine patriot. Any number of his friends will attest to the fact that JOHN stood beside them during personal travails—again, on occasion, even when it caused him some political injuries.

But that was JOHN. A good friend, a gentle man, a crusader for liberty, a distinguished statesman, and a true and Godfearing patriot. He is missed by his friends and our Nation. Unborn generations can be grateful there was a JOHN ASHBROOK for the role he played in reviving the faith of our fathers.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. Speaker, it is with considerable sadness, but also great admiration that I rise today to join my colleagues in paying tribute to the life of JOHN ASHBROOK, a most remarkable Member of this House.

The illustrious son of another illustrious Member of this body, JOHN ASHBROOK understood, as perhaps few others of us did, the true essence of public service. He was a thinking man's conservative, who took his stands on the issues long before they came into fashion. He was never one who caved into political expediency, believing that it would be far preferable to be returned by the voters to his original calling as a printer than to depart from the convictions in which he believed so intensely.

JOHN's rock-ribbed conservative philosophy and strict constructionist view of the Constitution were views with which I happened

to agree. However, even those who seldom if every shared his views on the great issues of the day respected him for his consistency to philosophy, his integrity, and his intellect.

During my 9½ years in this body, I came to admire JOHN and to value his assessment of the issues. I felt a special political kinship with him, having been raised in the Democratic Party just as he was. He was an inspiration to conservatives like me who came to realize that our views could best be represented by a realinement with the Republican Party.

Mr. Speaker, during times when many persons of his political persuasion were in despair over the actions of Federal courts, JOHN ASHBROOK was right here on this House floor offering innovative legislative solutions which proved effective and workable. On occasion, I would begin to wrestle with problems which I believed were unique to my own State, only to find that JOHN had already begun to carry the ball—not as a matter of provincial interest, but simply because of the principle involved. It was this same type of energy and action orientation which had led him in earlier years to found a nationwide conservative organization and to take on an incumbent Republican President in his party primaries.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot think of the award-winning motion picture, "Chariots of Fire," without JOHN ASHBROOK also coming to mind. That motion picture depicted the true story of young Englishmen who strove courageously for excellence on behalf of their country and who succeeded while remaining true to their deeply held religious convictions. JOHN ASHBROOK, too, ran the good race for his Nation and for his constituents and never broke faith with his ideals. He deserves a special place in the history of this great institution.

Mr. LAGOMARSINO. Mr. Speaker, there are few Members of the House with a more consistent record of voting on principle than JOHN ASHBROOK. In an arena where expediency is often the motive force, the record left by JOHN ASHBROOK stands as firm and as dependable as the mace of office beside your chair.

JOHN ASHBROOK loved the Congress, and served it well. Following in the footsteps of his father, he became an institution in this Hall, constantly battling in defense of the principles he articulated so well. Bowing to no one, he challenged even an incumbent President of his own party, in what many viewed as a futile gesture, but which those who knew him saw as an eloquent way of making a point—that principle is more important than party. There are few who would have

dared such a race. Yet history proved the validity of his concern, and the voters of his own district gave him 73 percent of the vote in his last election.

JOHN's personal modesty and charm surprised many who knew him only as an ardent defender of principles. Yet it was an integral part of his outlook; many of differing points of view, called him friend. His ability to work with others, made his record more than just one of dedication to principle. And his knowledge of House rules and floor strategies served to extend his influence beyond that of a lone individual. JOHN's patriotism is beyond question; so is his compassion. His concern for both country and for those less fortunate among us marked him as a man of extraordinary intellectual capacity and heart.

It is sobering, but nevertheless not surprising, that he died in the midst of a campaign—a campaign for a wider forum for the views he held so firmly. There are few of whom it can be said with greater accuracy, that his life stands as a monument to his belief. We shall all miss him.

Mr. FORD of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, many will remember Congressman JOHN M. ASHBROOK as an undaunted, unwaivering conservative, who promoted his philosophy without regard to his chances for legislative success. While this portrayal is a true reflection of JOHN's approach on the House floor, I will recall him as a skillful legislative technician who worked as the ranking minority member on the House Education and Labor Committee in the true spirit of compromise. There is not a member on the committee who did not admire his leadership and ability to quickly grasp complex issues.

His wit and personal charm were unmatched. Even during the most heated political debates on issues on which we vehemently disagreed, JOHN could elicit a hearty laugh with a clever quip.

He may be best remembered for his political acumen, but he was equally strong in his knowledge of substantive issues. For example, he stood firmly by my side during the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, fending off those who thought we should have less of a commitment to student aid programs. His advice and support were critical during the House debate; and the far-reaching improvements we made in postsecondary programs would not have been possible without him.

I will sincerely miss JOHN ASHBROOK. He made the legislative process a worthy pursuit, and brought credit to the Congress.

Mr. BROOMFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join in paying tribute to our friend and respected colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK.

It is always hard to accept when a friend passes away. The acceptance of such a loss is even more difficult when the person is young and has always been vibrant and full of vitality.

When JOHN was taken away from us, he was in full stride as a contributing, hard-working Member of Congress.

He always ably represented the people of the 17th Congressional District of Ohio. But beyond his work of his district, JOHN was a strong and articulate voice for a conservative point of view on major national issues.

Over the more than two decades that JOHN served in this body, he became a leader in the fight for fiscal responsibility and the limitation of the role and activities of the Government. He sought to limit big Government. But guided by his deep compassion for others, he always recognized the legitimate role of the Government in helping the truly needy. JOHN clearly demonstrated to those who would have us believe otherwise that there is nothing inconsistent between being a true conservative and being a compassionate person.

Mr. Speaker, JOHN was a real and sorely needed asset to the Congress. His death is a tragic loss to the Nation, the Congress, and the people of Ohio.

I join my colleagues in expressing our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to JOHN's wife, Jean, their three children, and the people of Ohio's 17th District.

Mr. ADDABBO. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I join my colleagues today to pay tribute to our late friend and colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK. JOHN and I came to Congress together 21 years ago. We did not always agree on issues, but I always respected his courage and idealism. JOHN was and will be remembered as an honest, hard-working, and devoted public official who honorably served the people of the great State of Ohio for 11 terms. He was a loyal Republican with his own ideas of what the Republican Party should represent, and never sacrificed his personal convictions for political expediency.

He was a man of conscience, and it was his personal character which enabled him to be such a principled and idealistic Congressman. JOHN's political career was characterized by his patriotism and respect for traditional American values; he cared deeply for our

Nation and its people. He served his constituents with dedication, and worked tirelessly on behalf of individual rights and freedoms.

JOHN ASHBROOK will be sorely missed by the people of Ohio, and by all of us. My deepest sympathies go out to his family for their tragic loss.

Mr. PEASE. Mr. Speaker, I am very glad to have this opportunity to share with my colleagues my memory of a very special Member of this body: the late Congressman JOHN ASHBROOK, who spent 22 years in the U.S. House of Representatives working to advance the principles of public policy in which he believed so strongly.

Each week I write a newspaper column for my constituents in Ohio. Following is the text of my May 5 column which I wrote in tribute to this special person:

As I sat in a small church in Johnstown, Ohio, last week with more than 50 other Congressmen attending the funeral of Congressman JOHN ASHBROOK, I thought of a statement I had read some years ago.

Attributed to Theodore Roosevelt, the statement urged that proper credit be given to "the man in the arena, the man whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood" from combat, who is willing to fight valiantly for his beliefs, and whose place "shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

Safe, middle-of-the-roadism was not JOHN ASHBROOK's style. He was an unabashed conservative. He felt very strongly about the need for America to adopt his conservative views, and he fought at every opportunity to translate his conservative philosophy into public policy.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a fighter. He battled tirelessly for his beliefs within the Congress.

Furthermore, he did it with a sense of humor. Although he was dead serious about the importance of his work in Congress, he never took himself too seriously. He had a delightful sense of humor which made his greatest adversaries not only respect but genuinely like him.

During the 6 years that I knew him in Congress (I had known him casually for many years before that), JOHN knew a little of victory and a great deal of defeat. For the first 4 years of our joint tenure in Congress, JOHN ASHBROOK rarely won a victory on the House floor. On bill after bill, he would offer his conservative amendments, and down they would go to defeat.

When the bells sounded to announce a 15-minute recorded vote was in progress, the majority party whip would take his place at the entrance to the House chamber to advise Members rushing in what the issue might be. Often he would say, "It's another Ashbrook amendment." Some Members never bothered to find out precisely what the amendment was. If it was an Ashbrook amendment, they simply voted against it—knowing it would be another one of JOHN's conservative crusades.

But as the mood of the country became more conservative in 1979 and 1980, the margin of defeat for JOHN ASHBROOK's amendments grew smaller and

smaller, and finally, in 1981, after Ronald Reagan became President, JOHN began to taste victory as well as defeat.

Public opinion had changed. The mood in Congress had changed. JOHN ASHBROOK stayed close to his principles. In earlier years, he had not hesitated for a moment to be the only Member of Congress voting against a particular bill that he didn't feel was right for America. Nor did he automatically go along with proposals from President Reagan, whose election in 1980 surely must have been the high point in JOHN ASHBROOK's long crusade to turn America to a conservative path. He was his own man, and he believed that conservative as well as liberal Presidents could make mistakes.

Last week JOHN ASHBROOK was laid to rest. Though he and I often disagreed on major issues, I always felt that he was a very valuable Member of Congress. The country and the Congress will be the poorer without him.

Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. Speaker, on April 24, our good friend and colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, passed away. JOHN represented the 17th District of Ohio, and represented it well. He was first elected to the 87th Congress on November 8, 1960, and was reelected overwhelmingly to each succeeding Congress.

Here in the House he served on the Education and Labor Committee, where he was the ranking minority member on the Labor-Management Subcommittee, and on the Judiciary Committee. I had the distinct privilege of working with JOHN on the Education and Labor Committee. Although I certainly had differences of opinion with him on both philosophical issues and narrower issues, he was always willing to listen to an opposing viewpoint. While he was an able spokesman for the philosophical causes in which he believed, he also had a knack for molding compromises which were acceptable to the committee, and to the House as a whole. In the 96th Congress, I did a study as to which Members of the House were most successful with floor amendments, and lo and behold JOHN ASHBROOK was near the top of the list when it came to not only as to the total amendments offered, but also as to a success percentage.

We will miss him on the committee, because he ran the affairs of the minority with an evenhandedness and a flexibility which fostered team efforts and gave each individual Member an important part to play. He also believed strongly in bipartisan efforts, and spearheaded vital Republican contributions to all of the major initiatives of the Education and Labor Committee while he was the ranking minority member.

I particularly enjoyed putting heads together with JOHN on youth legislation. He felt strongly that there was an acute need for programs to help young people who wanted to better their lot in life. He was a

very strong proponent of the youth initiatives that came out of the committee last year, and I hope he will approve of the way we are furthering the cause in his absence. He and I also worked closely together last year in putting together the consolidation package of education programs in the reconciliation bill. He had a deep understanding of these programs and their worth.

In his distinguished tenure here in the Congress, JOHN left his mark on those of us who served with him and an indelible mark on the laws of this country. Although he is gone, his voice will continue to be heard in this Chamber. The man, his leadership, his credo, will not be forgotten.

Mr. SHUMWAY. Mr. Speaker, it was with deep sadness and regret that I learned of the passing of our friend and colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, and I appreciate having this opportunity to pay tribute to his memory.

I became personally acquainted with JOHN during our travel together to Taiwan in 1979. During that time, I was able to see him in a very human capacity, not just as a lawmaker, but as a sound thinker and as a spokesman for the conservative point of view. JOHN respected his colleagues, no doubt one reason why he was so highly respected and admired in return.

JOHN particularly impressed me with his efforts on the floor of the House. He was nearly always present during debate, and very little escaped his watchful attention. I particularly recall his habit in bringing stacks of district newspapers with him to the floor, papers which he would appear to be absorbed in perusing. However, I rapidly learned that he was also giving close attention to the debate, and he would be on his feet in seconds with the appropriate remark or amendment when he saw fit. Indeed, he seemed always ready with the right language at the right time, an ability which I found almost awesome.

In my opinion, there is no one with JOHN's ability and ready to take his place in our Chamber. Thus, JOHN ASHBROOK will be missed with increased intensity. Not only will he leave a void as a friend and colleague, but as an exceptional legislator who never lost track of the Nation's best interest. I am proud to have been able to serve with him, and I extend every best wish to his family.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, it is with much sadness that I say this final farewell to my friend and colleague, the late JOHN ASHBROOK.

JOHN was one of the first friends I made when I came to Congress. He counseled me, supported me, sometimes defended me. And, though we sat on the same side of the aisle, we were sometimes adversaries.

However, with JOHN, it was always an adversary relationship of ideas and issues, never an adversary relationship of personalities or men. He was able to separate the person from the position and regard each on its own merits. Yet, one was never left in doubt as to where he stood.

He was a tireless worker for the causes in which he believed and a man of deep concern for the issues with which he dealt. JOHN ASHBROOK was the perfect example of a dedicated legislator.

He was also one of the most gracious Members of the House and with his passing, I sense not only a personal loss, but also a loss to all of us here in the House of Representatives, a loss to his constituents and a loss to all who believe in the strengths of our way of government. I feel confident that we here in the House make up only a very small percentage of those who will miss JOHN deeply and who always will remember him fondly.

Mr. ARCHER. Mr. Speaker, all of us who serve in the House of Representatives, and this institution itself, have suffered a great loss with the passing away of our esteemed colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a man of great principle and personal courage, sincere in his beliefs and resolute in his determination to do what he felt was best for this Nation and all its people. He was a man to be admired and respected, by political friend and foe alike.

While we knew he would be leaving the House at the end of this term, it was with the expectation that his service to the people of Ohio and the Nation might well be continuing in the U.S. Senate. It seems patently unfair that this Nation be deprived of JOHN ASHBROOK's leadership in any capacity in Congress at this critical time.

I join my colleagues in the House in mourning the passing of JOHN ASHBROOK. We and the Nation have lost a friend, a leader, and a statesman.

Mr. ERLENBORN. Mr. Speaker, it has been said that one man's death diminishes those who remain, and filling the void left by JOHN ASHBROOK's passing will indeed be difficult.

JOHN was a man of firm convictions who did not retreat if the odds were against him. He persevered, but always as a gentleman and

always with good grace. He learned early in life that a sense of humor was essential in walking the tightrope of life.

For 21 years, JOHN competently and ably represented the people of Ohio's 17th District. I know he will be sorely missed by them, as well as by his colleagues on the Education and Labor Committee, where I had the good fortune to work with him on hundreds of issues over the years.

My deepest sympathies go to his wife and three daughters, who I hope, find comfort, as I do, in having been closely associated with this decent and good man, a legislator par excellence.

Mr. GAYDOS. Mr. Speaker, neither the people of a congressional district nor the citizens of a republic can want more of an elected representative than that he do his unstinting best for what he thinks is right.

In this, our late colleague JOHN M. ASHBROOK gave the 17th District of Ohio, and the United States, what was due, and more.

I knew Mr. ASHBROOK by shared service on the Committee on Education and Labor and on the Congressional Steel Caucus, and by his day-to-day conduct over 20 years he illustrated the truth that a worthy adversary makes a reliable friend.

Against you, he often put your ideas to tests that made them better, stronger. With you, he could be counted on for the same kind of steadiness.

And no Member of Congress can want more from a colleague.

From him, we got what was due, and more. I will miss, the committee will miss, and the House of Representatives will miss his understanding and his expertise.

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to participate in this tribute to my colleague and friend, JOHN ASHBROOK, who died suddenly on April 24. My only regret is that we must use the occasion of JOHN's untimely death in order to belatedly appreciate his many good qualities.

I first met JOHN ASHBROOK shortly after I came to Congress in 1977. It was readily apparent to me that it was no accident that JOHN was a well-established political veteran in Washington. All who knew him would agree that he was one of those rare combinations on Capitol Hill: an intelligent man, a compassionate human being, a good legislator, a shrewd politician, and a dedicated American.

During the 97th Congress, I have had the privilege to work with JOHN on the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime. We did

not always agree on the issues, but we never were unable to discuss them and we never lost our respect for each other.

JOHN's reputation was legendary as a debater and parliamentarian. He worked tirelessly for his constituents in Ohio's 17th District and always remained true to his conservative principles. JOHN did not vacillate on these principles, either. After carefully weighing the issues, he would stand fast—and sometimes alone—on his beliefs, not caring that he might be bucking party members, the majority of the Congress or even the President of the United States.

We need people like JOHN ASHBROOK in Congress. Whether we agreed with him or not, he made us all have to think and work hard. It pleases me to note that other Members of Congress realize this as well. Democrats and Republicans, Senators and Representatives, liberals and conservatives all who knew JOHN will miss him.

JOHN ASHBROOK's death at the age of 53 ended a family tradition during this century of almost 42 years of public service in the House of Representatives. It is with great sadness that I offer my condolences to JOHN's family and to the people of the State of Ohio.

Mr. GRADISON. Mr. Speaker, I share with my colleagues a deep sense of loss at the sudden and untimely death of our friend, JOHN ASHBROOK. JOHN was a man of principle and courage. He had that all-too-rare habit of speaking his mind clearly, openly, and frankly and letting the chips fall where they may. He served his Ohio constituents with dedication and zeal, had an encyclopedic knowledge of government programs, and a wide following not only in Ohio, but elsewhere around the country. I join in this special order to express my own personal regret at his passing and to extend my deepest sympathies to his family.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, the death of Representative JOHN ASHBROOK of Ohio on April 24 saddened all of us who knew him. I join with my fellow Members of the House of Representatives today in paying tribute to this outstanding man.

He was a good friend and served as a stabilizing force on the Education and Labor Committee.

JOHN ASHBROOK was always an articulate spokesman for conservative causes in the House and he was never one to back away from an issue. He enjoyed the popularity and respect of his House colleagues as well as his constituents in the 17th District in Ohio. We will miss him.

Mr. QUILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity, along with my colleagues, to pay tribute to Congressman JOHN M. ASHBROOK of Ohio.

I am deeply saddened by JOHN's passing and will miss greatly his warmth, his wisdom, and his friendship.

The tremendous work he did in serving his constituents and our country is a shining example for others to follow, and his efforts and accomplishments will be long remembered.

JOHN was first elected to the Congress in 1960 and served for many years on the Committee on Education and Labor where his contribution to the Nation's labor laws and education programs was impressive.

Congressman ASHBROOK's integrity, abilities, and dedication to firm conservative principles earned for him a well deserved national reputation.

I wish to extend my sincere condolences to his family in this time of sorrow. Their loss is shared by those who knew JOHN.

Mr. CLAUSEN. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join with my colleagues in paying tribute to the passing of a great statesman, the late JOHN M. ASHBROOK of Ohio.

Many of the senior Members among us, on both sides of the aisle, would have to cast into the depths of their memories to recall an individual whose commitment and determination in the pursuit of his ideals surpassed those of JOHN ASHBROOK. Such was his spirit in the service of his beloved country, a service spanning over 20 years in the House.

JOHN will long be remembered as an advocate of returning control of America to her people, through consistent efforts to reduce the growth of Federal programs which he felt State and local agencies could more effectively replace, and to increase the accountability of elected officials to the electorate. He held fast to these principles and worked tirelessly toward the ends in which he believed long before it became "popular" to do so. He would often request a rollcall on a spending bill, never letting us forget who pays our salaries. The awards he has received as Watchdog of the Treasury are indeed well-deserved.

It was my privilege and honor to have had the opportunity to work together with JOHN toward our shared goals in the area of education during his service as the ranking minority member on the Education and Labor Committee. His absence on this committee will no doubt

be deeply felt, especially in terms of his perceptiveness and the striking insights he offered on complex issues.

It is hardly possible to speak of JOHN ASHBROOK's leadership in the House without mentioning his willingness to promote and defend the cause in which he believed before the Nation and abroad. He had long been active in organizations espousing a conservative, constitutional philosophy, and has debated on hundreds of campuses, television panels, and forums as an advocate of this philosophy. In a 1970 national poll, he was chosen as one of the most respected conservative leaders in America, ranking in the top 5 of almost 100 prominent conservative leaders, along with Barry Goldwater, Ronald Reagan, John Tower, and Bill Buckley.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor and respect that we mark the passing of JOHN ASHBROOK. No words can fully express the emptiness we all feel and the void which he has left. Our prayers go out to his family, for we know what a loss they have suffered, and pray that God will give them strength.

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply saddened and shocked by the news of the untimely passing of our distinguished colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK. His outstanding record of faithful service and his strength of character earned him an honored place in the hearts of his constituents and in the hearts of people throughout Ohio.

JOHN was a dedicated Representative who was always loyal to conservative principles of government. As founder and former chairman of the American Conservative Union, JOHN ASHBROOK was a leading spokesman for conservative, Republican policy decisions.

During his 21 years in Congress, the people of America had the benefit of JOHN's hard work and expertise on legislation affecting tax and budgetary policy, States rights, and education. As ranking minority member on the House Education and Labor Committee and the Judiciary Committee, JOHN was instrumental in forming initiatives which protected individual freedoms against government interference.

Throughout his public career, JOHN worked diligently on behalf of his district and his country. He was dedicated to the discharge of his congressional duties in a fashion that was totally responsive to the needs of our Nation as well as the State of Ohio and the district he represented. His concern and commitment to the welfare of the people of Ohio was shown by the dedication which marked his campaign for the Senate seat in that State.

Having served with JOHN during the last 21 years, having campaigned for him in his initial congressional race, I appreciated his friendship and our long standing political relationship.

My wife Pat joins me in expressing our sincere condolences to his wife, Jean, and the entire Ashbrook family. We have lost the services of a truly dedicated colleague. We will always remember JOHN as a true friend and a man of firm, responsible, conservative, political principles.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I deemed it a privilege to serve in this body with one so dedicated to the principles of our Constitution as was JOHN ASHBROOK.

I have not only lost a personal friend who has visited in my home and came to my district to speak in behalf of my reelection, but also we have all lost a colleague who had the courage of his convictions and never missed an opportunity to express in the strongest terms the conservative point of view. He never shied away from controversial issues and was a formidable debater.

JOHN ASHBROOK had the respect and confidence of millions of Americans who knew him as the champion of limited Federal Government, strong national defense, low taxation, and the need to reduce the regulatory burden that has been placed on the businesses and industries of this Nation.

I would like to convey to JOHN's family my deep regret over his untimely death. It is always difficult in times like these to find the proper words to express our feelings but needless to say, JOHN ASHBROOK will be missed.

Mr. RITTER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, will miss JOHN ASHBROOK. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his wife Jean and his three daughters.

JOHN ASHBROOK will be greatly missed not only in this Congress, but across this country by all who value freedom and the rights of the individual. Whether it be in support of the rights of private institutions or speaking out against oppression in totalitarian societies, his beliefs were valued by Republicans and Democrats alike because of their emphasis on the positive role of the individual in society.

His words and deeds were those of the freedom loving individual who symbolizes all that this Nation stands for. He once said, "I'm not going to conform to what other people are doing for the sake of conformity. I try harder than most people to do what I think is

right." JOHN not only believed these words but lived them. Although considered to be a conservative, he was a liberal in the classical sense, fighting for the individual's rights against inherent evils that stem from a government that is so big and so powerful that it simply cannot deal with individual human needs.

Whether it was forced school busing, wage and price controls, or bailouts to large corporations, JOHN fought against unwarranted Federal intrusion into the daily life of a free society. He continued to offer an alternative of less government and less Federal spending, an alternative which recently has become a major part of the philosophical direction of our country's citizens and so many of us in Congress.

He was an eloquent spokesman, but even more he was a friend. In closing I would like to pay special attention to a belief he held dearly. He once told a reporter, "In the end, those who have stood and fought for principle have usually been vindicated." History has and will continue to show that his fight for principle and the individual was not in vain.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, shock and sadness were two emotions which enveloped me when I learned of the death of our dear and esteemed colleague JOHN ASHBROOK. For more than two decades, JOHN ASHBROOK served in this House with unique distinction. Therefore it seems so incomplete that we try and capsulate his accomplishments in one brief, special order.

I had the privilege of serving with JOHN throughout my 14 years in this House. We grew close because we both served on the House Education and Labor Committee, where for the past 2 years, he was the ranking minority member. To fully understand and appreciate JOHN ASHBROOK—all one had to do is watch him in a markup session on a given bill. If JOHN was on your side—yours was a simpler task. If you had JOHN as an opponent—you knew you had a tough fight and could only win on merit. Clearly, as a two-party House of Representatives—there are many of my colleagues who found themselves on the opposite side of the political and ideological fence from JOHN ASHBROOK. Yet, there are few, if any, who did not appreciate and or benefit from the experience of comparing views with JOHN ASHBROOK.

For JOHN, his convictions were his greatest strength. One of my colleagues said it right when he referred to JOHN as an idealist who never lost his idealism. His intellectual capacities were enormous,

and it made him one of the most impressive spokesmen for the cause of conservatism ever in American political life.

It is not an exaggeration to say that JOHN ASHBROOK had many friends in this body. He was warm, humorous, and always personable. He was sought out by many; his advice and counsel was valued like few others. He was a type of political barometer, when you got a reading from him, you got a much clearer reading on which way to proceed.

The loss of JOHN ASHBROOK in many ways is impossible to assess. It leaves this institution a much poorer place. It will leave those of us who knew him with feelings of deep remorse and loss. It deprives our Nation of one of its most eloquent and formidable political leaders. His death leaves me without a good and dear friend.

It might be best to say that it is a real shame that JOHN ASHBROOK is no longer with us. All we can do is offer solace to his beloved wife and children and comfort them with the knowledge that they should be proud of what JOHN ASHBROOK did in service to his country.

Mr. FOUNTAIN. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleagues in expressing the deep sense of loss felt in this Chamber with the passing of our distinguished colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK of Ohio.

Although JOHN and I were on different sides of the aisle, I had the great pleasure and privilege of working with JOHN for over 20 years in the House of Representatives. During that time JOHN and I shared the same goal of a strong America, and his wisdom and insight will be sorely missed in this body.

A man of high intelligence and dedication to principle, JOHN put what he thought was right before what might have been politically expedient. And whether in agreement or opposition to JOHN's position on any given issue, Members were assured of capable and honest advocacy on his part.

Indeed, with his dedication to a better America, his strong stance against the evils of communism, and his unique sense of purpose, JOHN was a legislator of truly national stature.

As we all know, apart from his work in the House, his hundreds of debates, forum and television appearances, JOHN was in the midst of a campaign for the U.S. Senate. And anyone who knew JOHN ASHBROOK knew that that race would have been extremely exciting, with issues and positions clearly defined and well articulated.

Here in the House, JOHN built a solid record. Until its abolition, JOHN ASHBROOK was the ranking Republican member of the House

Internal Security Committee, and he was the well respected ranking member of the important Education and Labor Committee.

In addition, JOHN was a senior member of the House Judiciary Committee and also a key member of the Select Committee on Intelligence—a committee with oversight of the CIA, FBI, NSA, and Defense Intelligence Agencies.

Of course, JOHN served with distinction in a number of capacities apart from the prominent role he played in the House of Representatives.

JOHN was a member of the Johnstown Baptist Church, and he served as moderator, chairman of the board of deacons, and chairman of the board of trustees. JOHN was also a 32d Degree Mason, and he served as an able and active participant in other civic and school affairs.

Here in the House, we have lost a true and valued friend, adviser, and colleague, a man who served both his State and Nation with deep devotion and with great ability and skill.

My wife Christine and I send out to JOHN's wife Jean, and to his three lovely children, our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathy at this time of loss. May they find strength and peace during this time.

Mr. HAMMERSCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I am most grateful for these few moments to honor the memory and service of a great statesman and outstanding American, Representative JOHN M. ASHBROOK.

The son of an Ohio newspaper editor and former Member of Congress, JOHN undoubtedly was deeply influenced by his father's career. However, his own decision to seek public office was based on his firm commitment to the protection of individual freedom.

Ohioans of the 17th District will feel the loss of the courageous and committed man, who they first elected to the 87th Congress in 1960 and have elected to successive terms until the time of his death. JOHN's death has come just weeks before the election to determine the Senate Republican nomination in Ohio, a seat which JOHN was enthusiastically seeking in an effort to better serve the people of Ohio and this Nation.

JOHN was not a man to be pacified when his convictions to individual freedom were in question or threatened. A man of principle, JOHN made this observation of himself, "I'm not going to conform to what other people are doing for the sake of conformity. I try

harder than most people to do what I think is right." With that philosophy, he attacked his work, his leisure, and his hopes for the future of this country.

As JOHN's good friend William F. Buckley, Jr., once said:

> Mr. ASHBROOK shows that kind of personal political courage by which one distinguishes between those automations who represent us in Washington and those special others who are human beings endowed with mind and an active conscience.

Not many men will come along with the courage, compassion, and active conscience that permeated the life and career of JOHN M. ASHBROOK.

It was with these qualities that JOHN approached his latest endeavor to reach the Senate and it is with these qualities he has made a lasting impression on his colleagues and constituents.

As we contemplate the passing of this fine statesman, I wish to express my heartfelt sympathy to his wife Jean and his three daughters, his sisters and brothers, two of whom reside in JOHN's hometown of Johnstown, Ohio. I also extend my sincere sympathy to the people of the 17th District, who JOHN proudly represented for 21 years.

I hope and trust his influence will inspire us to remain unrelenting in our own dedication to serve this Nation.

Mr. SAM B. HALL, JR. Mr. Speaker, JOHN ASHBROOK was a product of middle America. He loved our country, and he had a fierce pride in the American dream. His values and sense of ethics were of an America that far too many people have abandoned. He was straightforward, unassuming, and made no apologies for his beliefs.

More often as not, JOHN ASHBROOK found himself in a minority. He would tackle issues of controversy that others sought to ignore. In doing so, he made his colleagues face up to the tough issues. In his mind Congress should not be a rubberstamp, and he was fighting to restore legislative equality in the balance of powers doctrine long before the current flap over congressional prerogatives.

The Ashbrook name has been synonymous with Ohio politics as long as anyone can remember. His father was a Democrat in a sea of Republicans. JOHN was a conservative Republican to the end. Both men were known as scrappers who did not mind fighting for what they saw as the right course of action.

Not long ago I read an article about the positive work done by the senior Ashbrook to enhance and foster numismatics and assist the Nation's coin collectors. It may have been providential, but it was the

father who worked to get a charter for the American Numismatic Association for a period of 50 years, and after that 50-year period, it was the son who successfully worked in behalf of a perpetual Federal charter.

Tragically, so many of the Nation's great leaders have been taken from us at an early age—John F. Kennedy a prime example. JOHN ASHBROOK leaves us at age 53, yet few people accomplished more or had the respect and devotion of so many in such a short lifespan as JOHN.

I will miss his counsel, his constant battle for principle and decency, his devotion to America. To his family I extend my heartfelt sympathy. To my colleagues I say we have lost a valued and trusted friend.

Mr. PHILLIP BURTON. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Congress has suffered a great loss with the untimely death of one of its finest Members, Congressman JOHN ASHBROOK of Ohio. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work with JOHN ASHBROOK for many years on the Education and Labor Committee.

Although we often disagreed on issues, I greatly respected JOHN ASHBROOK for his integrity, his honesty, and his warmth. His service to our Nation in the Congress was a tribute to the best traditions of representative government.

One attribute of JOHN ASHBROOK that stood out was his rugged independence of thought and action. There were several important instances during JOHN ASHBROOK's distinguished career when he conrageously supported issues not necessarily popular with his normal constituencies. His assistance in passing the hospital amendments to the National Labor Relations Act of 1974—extending NLRB protection to several hundred thousand workers—was invaluable as well as his willingness to support the rights of medical interns and residents to collectively bargain. He served effectively and constructively the causes in which he believed precisely because he was always willing to listen to other points of view and to seek constructive resolution of their differences.

JOHN ASHBROOK was known for his personal warmth and charm. It was always enjoyable to work and be with JOHN. He relished the joys of life—as he enjoyed the challenge of the legislative process. I was most fortunate to know JOHN as a friend. We will all miss him. The Congress and the country will be a good deal less on the level because of JOHN's death.

Mr. O'BRIEN. Mr. Speaker, of the qualities of which the good Lord blessed JOHN ASHBROOK, and there were many, I think I will remember his candor in setting forth his position on an issue, and his calm, pointmaking style in debate, never losing control and always maintaining his objectivity.

His loss is felt here already. He was one of those special Members of Congress whose conduct added a luster of its own to the honored body in which we serve.

Mrs. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I feel great sadness at this moment. JOHN ASHBROOK was a man of vigor who approached every challenge in life with great enthusiasm. I know the House shares my sense of loss that he was taken from us at the age of 53.

During 22 years in the U.S. House of Representatives, JOHN ASHBROOK served with energy and distinction and strong commitment to principles. I well recall his campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1968 as a demonstration for political principles that he believed would not be served well by the establishment candidate of the party.

In recent years, he was the ranking minority member of the House Education and Labor Committee, where he was an aggressive and brilliant advocate.

I happen to believe that the cause of education in the United States was well-served by the work of JOHN ASHBROOK, who constantly challenged Federal legislative proposals that would have an adverse impact on local school systems.

I shall miss my friend JOHN ASHBROOK, his keen intellect, and his sound advice on Federal programs affecting education.

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, the untimely death of JOHN ASHBROOK has left a void in the ranks of conservative spokesmen which will be hard to fill.

At a time when consistency is not all that popular a virtue, JOHN could be counted on to speak out with the conservative viewpoint on almost any important subject before the House. He was articulate. He was energetic. He was a master of parliamentary procedures.

JOHN was active in the floor consideration of many bills of which I was manager as chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee. While I did not agree with him on a number of issues, I always respected the sincerity of his advocacy.

JOHN was in the prime of life, he was a rising star, when death struck. He will be greatly missed. I join in expressing deepest sympathy to his wife and daughters.

Ms. OAKAR. Mr. Speaker, today, we are here to pay tribute to our dedicated colleague and friend, JOHN ASHBROOK. His untimely death is indeed a loss to the citizens of Ohio. JOHN served Ohioans in Congress for the past 21 years, and was a conscientious and devoted worker. He was a firm believer in this country's greatness and was often praised for his endless work for the betterment of mankind. He served his constituents and country with real integrity and dedication, never losing his patriotism. JOHN had a deep-rooted pride in the United States and worked to instill this pride in the people that he met everyday.

After graduating from Harvard with an A.B. degree, and Ohio State University with a law degree, JOHN began his career in politics. In 1956, only 1 year after graduating from law school, he obtained his first public position by winning a seat in the Ohio State Legislature. Four years later, he was elected to his first national office, becoming a Representative from Ohio for the 17th District. At this time, JOHN was the second youngest Member of Congress.

While not everyone agreed with JOHN's positions, one admired his sincerity and his commitment to his beliefs. He was an extremely principled man. He was also a kind and generous man. Ohio and the Nation has lost an outstanding legislator.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I join with the Members of the House in mourning the death of our colleague, JOHN M. ASHBROOK.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a man of principle who never wavered from his belief in individual liberty and the greatness of America. He advanced those ideals fearlessly, sometimes taking a quixotic approach that reflected more a deep-seated hope than a successful cause.

JOHN was a hard worker who always felt a sense of dedication and devotion. For this JOHN earned the respect of not only those who shared his particular vision, but his opponents as well.

Despite the intensity of his beliefs, JOHN remained softspoken and a gentleman of great personal charm. He was an eloquent spokesman for the old-fashioned American values he championed.

JOHN served well his constituents, the State of Ohio, and the Nation. He will be missed by all.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of loss that I rise to join so many other colleagues in paying respect to the memory of JOHN ASHBROOK.

JOHN ASHBROOK preceded me in this House by only 2 years, so we have shared the joys and frustrations of serving together through 10 consecutive Congresses.

One cannot work with somebody for 20 years and not develop a kinship from these shared experiences.

Throughout this time JOHN ASHBROOK proved a good friend, a good legislator, a statesman, and a patriot.

I can think of no greater praise for any man.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, today we are here to pay tribute to our colleague JOHN ASHBROOK whose untimely passing is a loss not only to his family, but to his district, his State, and his country.

When I came to the House of Representatives in 1965 one of the first to greet me was our departed colleague whose tenure began in the 87th Congress. During the intervening years, and especially as neighbors sharing the same area of the Longworth House Office Building, I, along with many others, enjoyed his friendship and consultations on various matters pertaining to the Government, the Nation, and other mutual problems.

Representative ASHBROOK possessed one of the most extraordinary personalities of any individual whom I have met in public life. He had keen insight into legislative problems and devoted long hours of work in his legislative duties and services to his constituents. He epitomized the spirit of the Ohio delegation, leaders all, a man who served his State and his Nation with integrity and courage. His many reelections from the 17th District of Ohio attest to his remarkable ability.

The greatest honor anyone can receive is to be remembered by those who come after him. JOHN ASHBROOK's shining record of service will continue as an inspiration to me and I know to others.

In recognition of this outstanding American's endeavors for the betterment of his fellow man I join with my colleagues in mourning the passing of an eminent statesman, a friend, and a grand human being. My life is richer for having known and worked with him.

Mr. ROE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to salute the memory of our recently departed colleague, the Honorable JOHN M. ASHBROOK of Ohio.

For the past 22 years, Congressman ASHBROOK served in Congress as the distinguished Representative from the 17th District of Ohio. His death creates a great vacuum for both the people he served in Congress and we who worked alongside him on a daily basis.

While JOHN and I did not always share the same political philosophy I always admired his hard driving approach to advance the ideals he believed in. He was a worker who did his homework. And anyone who faced JOHN in a debate on this floor knew that he was facing a well prepared and worthy opponent.

JOHN ASHBROOK served with distinction as the ranking member of the House Education and Labor Committee. During the late 1970's he joined with House Democrats in a bipartisan effort to draft an historic Federal aid to education measure that helped bring badly needed funds to our Nation's schools.

He was a man with an unabiding love for his country who was extremely vocal in denouncing anyone who spoke out against this cherished land.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a unique individual whose alert mind and spirited manner will be sorely missed.

Mr. MAZZOLI. Mr. Speaker, the passing of my good friend and colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK, came as a great shock to all of us.

JOHN and I served together in the House for many years as members of the Judiciary, the Education and Labor, and the Intelligence Committees of the House.

More recently I had the privilege of working with JOHN on pro-life issues, as he was a great defender of the rights of the unborn. As a Representative, JOHN's commitments, and his hard work in the House was always an inspiration to me.

I extend my condolences to his wife Jean and their children, and take comfort knowing JOHN has served his country well.

Mr. PICKLE. Mr. Speaker, JOHN ASHBROOK was a true conservative. He always made his position clear from the outset, and he never deviated from his commitments. Members knew how he felt and respected his position. I dare say there were just as many misty eyes on the liberal side of the aisle as the conservative at news of his death—because almost everyone respected JOHN ASHBROOK.

As I said, he was a rock-ribbed conservative. But he was not boorishly predictable, and you could not count on him to simply

"vote against" proposals on the floor. Sometimes he would surprise the life out of the leadership and propose or endorse bills that were truly progressive, or liberal. And this would cause Members to do an occasional double take and remind themselves that JOHN ASHBROOK was one of that rare breed who say and do exactly what they believe.

His stands were never based on prejudice, or bigotry, or hatred, but on sincere conviction, and on his idea of what the laws of the Nation should be. I cannot recall a time when he ever lost his temper, or showed evidence of a mean streak. He was simply JOHN ASHBROOK, advocating his position in a positive and forceful—and I must say, generally effective—manner. We will all miss him.

Mr. MOAKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express a deep sense of sorrow at the passing of our colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK. I wish to extend my sympathy to his family and friends at this tragic and untimely death. While JOHN ASHBROOK and I stood at opposite sides of the aisle and did not agree on many issues, he was a man who was never afraid to speak his beliefs and stand by his convictions. This is a quality that is to be admired.

JOHN ASHBROOK was an outspoken member of the Education and Labor Committee. Though he was a strong advocate of restrained Federal spending, he always worked to insure a quality education for all of our Nation's youth. He also had the tough but thankless job of serving on the Judicial Committee's Subcommittee on Crime. During committee meetings and meetings of the full House it was to be expected that JOHN ASHBROOK would be both an active and articulate debator. I am sure I speak for all my colleagues when I say that his absence will be deeply felt by us all.

Mr. COLLINS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we join together to pay our respects to JOHN ASHBROOK, I am reminded of the first impressions I had of JOHN. It also emphasized what an institution he was in Congress. I have been here eight terms and I remember the key campaign I had when I first won my seat to come up here. At that time, I was checking the Republican Members of Congress to see who was the most highly respected in our area. Among the top four, and this was many years ago, was JOHN ASHBROOK. The very high regard that Texans had for JOHN came from his leading roll on the Americanism committee. He was such a strong advocate of the

American system, the American ideals, and the American way of life. He fought consistently and with courage against communism and socialism. But what impressed people the most was when he made a speech, he had the facts and he told it like it was.

In serving with JOHN, it was inspiring to see him always on the floor in the middle of the fight. He was always a gentleman but his questions were penetrating and JOHN never took the soft, easy way out. If it was a sensitive issue where you might disturb some of your constituents, JOHN took the position of what was best for the country. I especially appreciated the part JOHN played in our fight for quality education. Forced school busing has had a negative impact on the school system of America. And every time I took the battle to the House floor, JOHN was there, side by side, bringing out one good point after another.

It is with deep sorrow that we see a young man of 53, who was in the prime of his congressional career, taken from our ranks. JOHN was not only young, but he was virgorous and most active. There was a certain electric magnetism about JOHN. It is an honor for Texans to be able to join the neighbors of JOHN ASHBROOK, who lived in Ohio, in paying our warmest and deepest sentiments to his family and also to the State of Ohio where history will always remember JOHN ASHBROOK for his outstanding service to our Nation.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, it is an understatement to say that this Congress will miss our friend and respected colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK. Although we may not have all agreed with his ideology or his proposals, no one could criticize his principles and integrity. JOHN was a man of great convictions, of distinguished courage, and of many talents. In addition to the time he spent here, his career encompassed the Navy, the fields of law and publishing, and the State legislature. No matter what JOHN was doing at any given time, he was sure to be doing it with determination. JOHN was not afraid to fight for the underdog or to take a politically unpopular stand. I find those characteristics to be a refreshingly noble model for all of us.

In our sadness over his loss, we should rejoice in the fact that we were able to have him with us for 22 years and that he made a deep impression upon this body. The wide margins by which JOHN won his district in recent elections is proof of the excellent job he did and the respect which he amassed in the 17th District of Ohio. That

respect is one which can only be equaled by that which he garnered in this venerable institution.

All of JOHN's attributes were only heightened by his personal modesty and Midwestern charm. We are all grieved by this terrible misfortune. He will be missed, but he will not be forgotten.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, it may be true that you can learn more about a man from what is said about him by his adversaries than by his friends. I was one who seldom agreed with JOHN ASHBROOK's conservative views. In fact, we approached most issues from opposite ends of the political spectrum; and, as members of the Judiciary Committee, we were frequently at odds. While JOHN was always a forceful advocate for what he believed was right, he never fought in anger or with ad hominem arguments. Instead he relied on his courage, intelligence, and integrity in fighting his legislative battles. For these qualities, he had my respect, and the respect of all his colleagues.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a tireless worker who was devoted to serving the people of Ohio. They returned his dedication by electing him 11 times to his House seat. It is a true tragedy that this vibrant man has been taken from us so soon, and I want to express my deepest sympathies to JOHN ASHBROOK's family at this most difficult time.

Mr. SCHULZE. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened, as were we all, by the untimely passing of our dedicated colleague, JOHN ASHBROOK. His wise and able counsel will be sorely missed during the difficult debate to come on the pressing issues facing our Nation.

It could always be said of JOHN that he cared for this country in a way which made us all proud to know him. His tireless fight for what he believed to be best for our Nation set him above the average man. He did not seek the limelight, but instead sought the truth. Many times he faced this body on an issue with the cards clearly stacked against him, but he fought anyway knowing that he would be less than true to his beliefs if he abandoned the fight in the face of opposition. This type of devotion will be sorely missed in this body.

JOHN has embarked on what some have called the last great adventure. I am certain that he will succeed in this as he has in everything he did in life. I wish him eternal peaceful rest and extend to his family my sincerest sympathy.

Mr. ROBINSON. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness and a deep sense of loss that I rise at this time to offer a few words in tribute to the service of my valued colleague and friend, JOHN ASHBROOK.

While I had enjoyed the benefits of JOHN's friendship and advice throughout my congressional service, it was through our work together on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence that our rapport was reinforced in a way which makes his passing a wrenching experience for me.

As all of my colleagues in this House know, this committee is not one which seeks the limelight. To be effective, it must rely on the dedication of its members, and of the supportive staff, to the intelligence elements of our national security effort. JOHN ASHBROOK made a full commitment to the mission of the committee, without any thought of increased political visibility. His other assignments in the House, and his work in behalf of the constituents of his district were not neglected in any degree, but when JOHN ASHBROOK came to the meetings of the Intelligence Committee, he gave these sessions full attention, and his contributions always were responsible and constructively responsive to the questions at hand.

The loss of JOHN ASHBROOK is a severe one to this House. It is a major loss to his constituency and a most grevious one to his family. His was a voice of responsible, realistic conservatism in the national interest which the House profited by in its deliberations and decisions.

I will miss him sorely, and so will all here who had the privilege of workling closely with him and receiving the support of his well-considered judgments and balanced perception.

Mr. MICHEL. Mr. Speaker, I never thought it would be my sad chore to speak in memory of our dear, departed friend, JOHN ASHBROOK. I had always considered him to be a hardy man, indefatigable, but then, every now and then, we are brought to our senses that the worst can happen at anytime and it is with a deep sense of loss that I join in this tribute to JOHN ASHBROOK.

Our friendship stretches back to those days when we were considered to be young Republicans and ever since he came to this House he had been something very special to this institution. I know of no one during my better than 25 years as a Member of this body who has stood more solidly and consistently for the principles in which he believed. He was one of those who never flinched from standing alone if that was necessary. We always knew where JOHN would be on an issue. We never had to speculate on how he would vote and the

tougher the issue, the more he committed himself to a cause and battled fiercely for his point of view.

He was a gifted and able debater. He knew how to dish it out and how to take it. He could be oh, so partisan, but I dare say no one was more respected by his adversaries and political opponents than was JOHN ASHBROOK. Whether it was in committee or on the floor of this House you could always count on JOHN having done his homework and he never needed anyone to pull his irons out of the fire, and when all the debate was over, whether in committee, at a convention, or on this floor, he could always be the most gentle and kind person to talk to and to make light of all the verbosity that had just taken place.

He was one of those who could truly be characterized as a super patriot. He had to live his life that way, because he felt so intensely about it and I will tell you when we flew out to Johnstown, Ohio, for his funeral, one had to be especially touched when driving into town from the airport to see the people gathered along the way with miniature flags placed every 10 to 20 yards and flags flying from what seemed to be everyone's front porch. It was a very moving experience for me that I shall never forget.

The memorial service at the church was a very beautiful and personal one. There was the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic and Victor Lasky's eulogy that made it all the more personal.

The Reverend W. J. Schlatter who spoke of "our eternal hope" was a longtime friend of JOHN'S and obviously delivered his sermon with deep emotion and love for one he had respected for many years.

I never thought of the popular song, "You Light Up My Life" as one that would be appropriate for a funeral service, but it was most appropriate, for JOHN did light up our lives while he was here in our midst. JOHN gave us so many things to remember him by. This House will never be the same for me without him lighting our way from time to time.

I hope JOHN'S wife, Jean, his three daughters, and all the members of the family will take some little measure of comfort from the fact that there are so many Members of this House who feel they have lost so much with JOHN'S passing. He was in my view one of the greatest who will ever have served in this body and I am sorely grieved that our long abiding friendship should have to come to such an abrupt ending.

We are deeply distressed and I want to join with my colleagues in extending my profound sympathies to Jean, the three girls, and all members of JOHN's family.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SWIFT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 436, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 27, 1982, at 12 o'clock noon in memory of the late Honorable JOHN M. ASHBROOK of Ohio.

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MONDAY, *April 26, 1982.*

Mr. SYMMS. Mr. President, like so many of my colleagues, I was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of JOHN ASHBROOK of Ohio. I respected JOHN as a man of uncommon dedication and idealism, and I certainly treasured him as a friend, and I extend my sympathy to Jean and the family out in Johnstown, Ohio.

For more than 20 years, Representative ASHBROOK served his country, his constituents—and his conscience—with distinction and devotion. Always putting principle ahead of partisan or personal interests, he was a model of integrity, an inspiration to so many others who shared his love for liberty and his abiding faith in America's greatness.

JOHN was born into politics and journalism. His father, William Ashbrook, founded the Johnstown Ohio Independent and served 10 terms in Congress between 1906 and 1940. Like his father, who was a conservative, anti-New Deal Democrat, JOHN refused to go along to get along. He was a gadfly in the House and a maverick in the Republican Party, often challenging its leaders or the establishment when he thought they were putting politics or partnership ahead of principle.

He never shirked his responsibilities or shied from a battle, no matter what the risk or the consequences. And he once remarked that his strongest political asset was that, "I'd rather be a printer, so I don't have to worry that much about a political future, and I don't have to trim."

The fact that he never trimmed, that he always remained true to his principles, and yet was so successful politically, winning every election he was ever in except his protest campaign for the Presidency in 1972, should be an important lesson for all of us. It is certainly one reason why he won the respect to all who knew him, whatever their own political or philosophical leanings.

Even before I met him, he was something of a hero to me, I remember quoting him in a statement in early 1972 when I announced that I was going to run for Congress.

> Some of the people in Washington do know what they are for—

I said:

> Thank God for JOHN ASHBROOK—thanks to him we still hear that Adam Smith is alive and kicking and that capitalism is a moral philosophy.

I once ran in an opposed primary. I recall the State senate majority leader was in the race, as well as myself. He had the political establishment with him and I ran as an Ashbrook Republican. I may be the only person who ever ran in a congressional primary with that distinction and got elected.

When I came to Congress a year later, I looked to JOHN as a friend and a mentor. He provided badly needed intellectual leadership in so many areas and he was a master of the legislative process.

He rarely left the floor of the House. From gavel to gavel, he demanded rollcalls on unpopular spending bills, raised objections and points of order, offered amendments to bills that were being steamrollered by the leadership. Most of those amendments were viewed as mere delaying tactics at the time, but many of them today are written into the law, protecting our freedoms and perfecting countless Federal programs or policies for the American people.

JOHN had an almost boyish charm and personal modesty that surprised those who knew him only by his public speeches and statements or by his reputation as an ardent conservative and a tenacious parliamentarian.

But in debate, as in everything else he did, JOHN never gave an inch. His mind focused day and night on the principles he espoused. He lived every moment for the cause he believed in, never slowing down, and driving himself beyond the limits of human endurance.

A month ago, while campaigning for the Senate in Ohio and, as usual, running full throttle and doing everything himself, JOHN collapsed of exhaustion. I flew to Ohio and filled in for him at a Lincoln Day speech. That was one of the last times I had the privilege of visiting with JOHN. And like so many of his friends, I urged him that night when I saw him to get some rest and take it easy. But he did not know the meaning of those words. He went right back to work because he lived every moment of his life for the cause that he

believed in. The tragedy is that he had fewer moments left than any of us knew. Because he spent them so well and so vigorously in the cause of individual freedom, however, he has left us a legacy we can treasure, as well as a void that will be very hard to fill.

I thank the majority leader and yield back my time.

Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, I wish to express my appreciation to the distinguished Senator from Idaho for the statement he has just made. I knew Congressman ASHBROOK and came to have great respect and high regard not only for him, but for his opinions and the courage with which he held them.

JOHN ASHBROOK and I did not always agree on every issue, but we were always friends and we understood that a decent respect for differing points of view is an essential element for a civil government of the United States.

JOHN ASHBROOK was a candidate for the U.S. Senate in the Republican primary in Ohio. Mr. President, I think it is safe to say that he was clearly the frontrunner in that contest and had he survived and been elected to the Senate of the United States, he would have been not only eminently qualified to serve here but I think he would have made a valuable contribution on this side of the aisle and to the deliberations of the Senate as a whole. The party, the country, and certainly the State of Ohio have suffered a great loss.

Mr. President, I wish to join with the Senator from Idaho in expressing my sympathy to the family, my understanding of the points made by the distinguished Senator from Idaho, and to express my own regret of this untimely departure from the political scene of a great American.

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I join with the Senator from Idaho and the Senator from Tennessee in paying the deepest respects to the Congressman from Ohio.

Like the Senator from Idaho, I served with Congressman ASHBROOK. I cannot think of very many Members of Congress who held their views with greater tenacity, greater courage, greater perseverance, and greater principles than Congressman ASHBROOK. These days when all of us, not only in Congress but in other pursuits, are buffeted about with different points of view and different concerns, it is sometimes difficult to set a steady course and hold a firm rhetoric

based upon one's very solidly and soundly based principles. Congressman ASHBROOK, however, did not let all of these various buffetings in life deter him from views he sought and sought so very effectively.

As the Senator from Idaho mentioned, there is another side of Congressman ASHBROOK which I saw in the House, and that is his boyish good nature and camaraderie, the basic good will and grace with which he spoke and worked with his colleagues in the House. It is a trait which I feel is somewhat lacking in both bodies in my experience, and he certainly had it.

I join with the Senator from Idaho in paying my deepest respects.

Mr. HUMPHREY. Mr. President, I am sure that everyone who knew him was terribly shocked to learn of the untimely passing of Representative JOHN ASHBROOK.

Unfortunately, Representative ASHBROOK's fame was not commensurate with his abilities or his character as so often is the case in this upside down city and upside down world. Had he been elected to the Senate, an office he was actively seeking at the time of his death and which he might well have achieved, no doubt his fame would have been much greater during his lifetime. But all of that is unimportant really because JOHN ASHBROOK left a legacy that will serve as an example and inspiration for many years to come.

When one pictures the smiling visage of JOHN ASHBROOK, it is very hard to believe that he is gone. He served as an inspiration to a generation of young people. He served as an inspiration to many who ultimately went on to serve in Government of which this Senator is one.

Certainly his most sterling quality was his absolute dedication to principle.

On each and every vote JOHN ASHBROOK was willing to risk his political career because he preferred to go back to the private sector where he no doubt could have been much more comfortable, lived in more affluent circumstances, and without any doubt lived a much longer and more healthy life.

JOHN ASHBROOK surely wore himself out in service to his country.

If his untimely death served any purpose, it is to remind each of us that we can be called away at any moment on any day and that on this day we should adhere to principle because tomorrow we might not have an opportunity to make amends.

Message From the House

A message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Gregory, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following resolution:

House Resolution 436

A resolution relative to the death of the Honorable John M. Ashbrook, late a Representative from the State of Ohio.

Mr. METZENBAUM. Mr. President, I call up a resolution which is at the desk submitted by Mr. Glenn and myself, and ask unanimous consent that it be immediately considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

Senate Resolution 375

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable John M. Ashbrook, late a Representative from the State of Ohio.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to its immediate consideration.

Mr. METZENBAUM. Mr. President, I rise with deep sorrow and much feeling concerning the death of Congressman John Ashbrook.

John Ashbrook was very well known to me over a period of many years. He served in the Ohio Legislature and I knew him then. I knew him as a Congressperson here in Washington. I have difficulty in thinking of any single individual who was more true to his convictions and his concerns.

He was a conservative who believed very firmly in his principles and never attempted to gloss over them nor in any manner suggest a waiver with respect to those principles.

He truly was a very distinguished Congressperson and made a record for himself as being one of the Nation's most able spokespersons for conservatives in this country.

He and I were not in agreement often, but our relationship was always a good one. When we would see each other it would always be with warmth and with a jocular feeling. I remember him with much strong feeling.

This body, meaning the entire Congress, will be a lesser body for his absence.

It is a fact that he was a candidate to be nominated on the Republican Party ticket for the seat that I hold. I respected him in his efforts to gain that nomination and actually anticipated that he would be the nominee.

I believe that had such a campaign developed, it would have been a campaign of sincerity, of conviction, of concern; he on his part and hopefully, I on mine.

It was, therefore, a tremendous shock to me when this Saturday past, as I was about to address a meeting, I was notified of JOHN ASHBROOK's untimely death. I cannot say to my colleagues, those who are within hearing of my voice, the blow that I personally felt and which I feel as of this moment. I feel for his wife, I feel for his children, and I feel for the people of the State of Ohio. I feel for his congressional district constituents who had sent him back to this body, if my recollection serves me right, in 11 separate elections.

He was a man of integrity and he was a man who fought every inch of the way for what he believed in.

I wish to indicate my expression of sympathy to his family and the loss to the State of Ohio. Our Nation has lost a dedicated public servant. The State of Ohio has suffered a great loss of a very able and respected person. His family has suffered the greatest loss of all. And to the Ashbrook family I express my very deepest sympathy.

Mr. GLENN. Mr. President, it is with sincere and deep regret that I must rise today to make this statement.

Mr. President, one of the most eloquent and passionate voices in the Halls of Congress was silenced Saturday, when Representative JOHN M. ASHBROOK, of Ohio, died very suddenly and tragically at the age of 53.

Mr. ASHBROOK made legions of friends during 21 years in Congress, but political friends and political foes alike grew to know him as a hard-nosed fighter for the conservative principles of Government that he cherished; a man who did what he believed to be right, not what he believed to be just the politically popular thing of the moment.

In 1972, for example, some in his own party were upset when Mr. ASHBROOK challenged President Nixon, a fellow Republican, in several Presidential primaries. Mr. ASHBROOK believed that the President had violated campaign promises on foreign policy by re-

establishing diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. Mr. President, other more cautious politicians would have, perhaps, submerged their disapproval in a sea of rhetoric about the need for party unity, but not JOHN ASHBROOK. His was always the voice of passion. Principle came before party and before lesser reasons that might have swayed those of lesser principle.

Throughout his long political career, which began with election to the Ohio General Assembly in 1956, Mr. ASHBROOK was an activist for the conservative cause. Indicative of his leadership role, Mr. ASHBROOK helped form the American Conservative Union, still an important educational forum for the views in which he believed. He also served as president of the Young Republican Clubs.

Mr. President, on the House floor and in committee, Mr. ASHBROOK eagerly offered motions, asked questions, stated his positions, and introduced legislation with a zeal that quickly set him apart from other less committed and less dedicated Members. Not surprisingly, his ready participation in House activities converted Mr. ASHBROOK into a national spokesman as well as an Ohio Congressman, representing the 17th District.

He never took defeat lightly. Mr. ASHBROOK continually fought for and believed that his cause would ultimately triumph.

Mr. President, JOHN ASHBROOK was engaged in a political campaign when he died, a campaign for a seat in the U.S. Senate. We shall never know how Ohio voters would have responded to Mr. ASHBROOK's inevitable call for a renewed commitment to the conservative principles he cherished, but we can be sure that he would have espoused those principles with the same unbridled enthusiasm, the same eloquence, and the same devotion that marked his tenure in the House.

Mr. President, I know that the people of Ohio, irrespective of political affiliation, join me in expressing their sorrow at Mr. ASHBROOK's untimely passing.

His wife, Jean, and children can take comfort during this difficult time by reflecting on the fact that their husband and father, JOHN M. ASHBROOK, will long be remembered for his devotion to the State and the country he loved so dearly. Mr. President, I know it is difficult to send additional words of comfort or meaning at this particular time, but I hope the family will know that not only our sympathy but, more importantly, our prayers are with them in this time of their great bereavement.

Mr. MATSUNAGA. Mr. President, I join my colleagues in expressing my profound shock and sorrow upon the death of Congressman JOHN ASHBROOK of Ohio, and extending my deepest sympathy to his widow Jean, his three daughters, his sisters and brother, and the other members of his bereaved family.

JOHN and I served together for 14 years in the House and although we did not always agree, we became good friends. He was known as a man of the utmost integrity, a champion of individual freedom, an expert on education, and a Presidential candidate. He was expected to be this fall's Republican candidate for the Senate seat now held by Senator Howard Metzenbaum, when he succumbed to the rigors of the election campaign.

JOHN ASHBROOK will be sorely missed, both in Ohio and here in Washington. I know that I speak for all the people of Hawaii in extending heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Mr. President, if a similar request has not yet been made, I ask unanimous consent that an article written by Martin Weil which appeared in yesterday's issue of the Washington Post be inserted in the Record immediately following my statement.

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

JOHN M. ASHBROOK DIES; 11-TERM GOP CONGRESSMAN FROM OHIO

(By Martin Weil)

JOHN M. ASHBROOK, an articulate Harvard-educated Republican Congressman from Ohio, who championed conservative principles with a vigor and independence of spirit that led him to run against President Nixon for the GOP nomination in 1972, died yesterday of internal bleeding. He was 53.

Representative ASHBROOK, a Congressman for 21 years, was a candidate for the Republican nomination to oppose Sen. Howard Metzenbaum (D-Ohio) in this November's Senate election.

The 11-term Representative, who was a lawyer, newspaper owner, and the son of a former Democratic Congressman, collapsed in Johnstown, Ohio, where he had a home and office. He was taken at 12:06 p.m. to Licking Memorial Hospital in Newark, Ohio, where he was pronounced dead 22 minutes later.

Preliminary autopsy results showed he died of "a massive gastro-intestinal bleed" that stemmed from inflammation of the lining of the stomach and small intestine.

Representative ASHBROOK, a founder and former chairman and director of the American Conservative Union, had collapsed March 17 in a restaurant in Mansfield, Ohio, and was examined by doctors there and in Cleveland. Aides said afterward that he was suffering from exhaustion brought on by the rigors of campaigning for the June 8 primary.

Describing himself as "shocked and grieved" by Representative ASHBROOK's death, Senator Metzenbaum expressed his sympathy to the Congressman's family.

The ranking Republican on the House Education and Labor Committee and a Reagan administration supporter in last year's budget battles, Representative ASHBROOK was praised by President Reagan in a statement yesterday as a man of courage and principle who "served his constituents and his country with dedication and devotion, always working toward the betterment of his fellow man.

"His patriotism and deep belief in the greatness of America never wavered and his articulate and passionate calls for a return to old-fashioned American values earned him the respect of all who knew him," the President said.

The decision made by Representative ASHBROOK in 1971, months before the Watergate breakin, to run against Nixon in the 1972 primaries, appeared to be the capstone of years of resolutely outspoken advocacy of conservative principles, often, as in the presidential challenge, with small hope of carrying the day.

Impatient with those conservatives who he said deferred to "bosses in a smoke-filled room" rather than to conscience, Representative ASHBROOK, owner of the Johnstown Independent and three other weekly newspapers, once said his greatest political asset "is that I'd rather be a printer."

"So," he added, "I don't have to worry that much about a political future and I don't have to trim."

His challenge to Nixon, he said, was intended not to wrest away the nomination, but instead to focus what he called conservative dissatisfaction with the Nixon administration's "leftward drift."

He denounced budget deficits, wage and price controls, and rapprochement with China.

Although many prominent conservatives, including Senator Barry Goldwater, opposed Representative ASHBROOK's candidacy, they did not deter him.

"I still believe it is in the best American tradition to speak out, even when it is in criticism of your party's actions," he said. "I have not and will not shirk from that role, regardless of the consequences."

After failing to get more than 10 percent of the vote in four early primaries while watching campaign contributions dwindle, Representative ASHBROOK, who had been a founder of the draft-Goldwater organization in 1963 and had supported Nixon at the 1968 convention, finally dropped from the 1972 race.

Known as one of the most ardent congressional advocates of States rights, and of what he said was protection of individual freedom against government interference, Representative ASHBROOK criticized what he called "Gestapo-type" actions against gun collectors and dealers by the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms. He moved to curb the power of the Internal Revenue Service to determine whether private schools discriminated by race and should thus lose their tax exemptions.

He said in 1979 he wanted to return IRS to its role as a collection agency rather than an "instrument of social engineering."

He also sponsored a measure to forbid use of Federal employees' health insurance to pay for most abortions.

Representative ASHBROOK was a son of the second marriage of William A. Ashbrook, who served in Congress from 1907 to 1921. The elder Ashbrook was elected again in 1934, when he was 67 years old and his son was 6.

After high school in Johnstown, Representative ASHBROOK served in the Navy as a storekeeper first class on Adm. Richard E. Byrd's final Antarctic expedition in 1946–47. He then enrolled at Harvard, where, he said, he "started out as a conservative, but my professors and what they taught me made me even more so."

Subsequently, he took a law degree from Ohio State University, entered local Republican politics and became chairman of the Young Republican National Federation. After two terms in the Ohio legislature, he defeated a Democratic incumbent to win his first race for Congress in 1960, on a platform of individual freedom.

His 1948 marriage to the former Joan Needles ended in divorce in 1971. He later married the former Jean Spencer. He was the father of three daughters, Barbara, Laura, and Madeline. Also surviving are his mother Marie, sisters Lea and Lucy, and his brother William.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. If there is no further debate, the question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

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Mr. BAKER. Mr. President, I move, in accordance with the provisions of S. Res. 375, as a further remark of respect to the memory of the deceased Hon. JOHN M. ASHBROOK, late a Representative from the State of Ohio, that the Senate stand in recess until 9:45 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to; and at 4:22 p.m., the Senate recessed until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 27, 1982, at 9:45 a.m.

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